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Radiation leak averted in Titan missile explosion

leaking from a nuclear missile exploded Titan missile silo in Arkansas yesterday, ing 22 maintenance workers, one of them ly. Nearly 1,000 people living within five of the site were evacuated. Spokesmen e United States Air Force said there had no radiation leak and a nuclear reaction npossible.

Nuclear warhead remains intact

Michael Leapman
rk, Sept 19

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underground concrete one of 54 in Arkansas, and Kansas. The Titan 90 feet long, have a f 6,300 miles and are ady at all times to deliver a nuclear strike against the Soviet Union in the event of war.

It was the second accident this week in the United States involving nuclear weaponry. On Monday a B52 bomber caught fire at an Air Force base in Dakota. It was believed to have been carrying nuclear weapons, but the Air Force would not confirm this.

In 1978 there was another fuel leak at this same Arkansas site, near the small town of Damascus some 50 miles north of Little Rock. Several people went to hospital then after being exposed to toxic fumes.

Local politicians have since been pressing for an "early warning system" to allow residents to flee quickly if an accident occurs. No such system has been installed.

The Defence Department would not confirm or deny for the record that the missile was carrying a warhead, in accordance with its policy of not discussing the location of nuclear weapons. However, news agencies quoted unnamed Pentagon sources as saying that the missile was fitted with a warhead.

Asked why, if that were the case, the bomb did not explode, an Air Force spokesman said that safeguards existed to prevent such an accidental explosion.

Another spokesman said: "There has been no damage of any kind. Everything is intact."

It was the third significant accident in the 17 years since the Titan 2 first became the United States' largest nuclear weapons delivery system. Unlike this one, the other two were fatal.

In 1965, 53 people were killed at Searcy, Arkansas, 40 miles from the site of today's accident. A fire and explosion resulted when a welder bumped his torch against a fuel line. Two years ago two people were killed and 29 injured when a cloud of toxic gas escaped from a leak at a Titan 2 site near Rock, Kansas.

Although the biggest of America's nuclear weapons, carrying 24 megatons of explosive power, the Titan is less accurate than the Minuteman, a more modern missile of which the United States now has 1,000 ready for launching.

Baby found 15 minutes old: The police were searching yesterday for the mother of this baby girl found abandoned in bushes in east London early in the morning (Stewart Tendler writes). It is believed she was born about 15 minutes before being found. Mrs Katherine Holland, of Villiers Close, Leyton, heard a noise which she first thought came from a cat. She found the baby naked with the umbilical cord attached. Mrs Holland took the girl indoors and called an ambulance and the police. The child who weighs 6½ lb, was taken to Whipps Cross Hospital, Leyton, where because of the drop in her body temperature she was placed on the danger list. After several hours she was taken off the list. The staff named the child Margaret after the doctor who treated her. The police who searched the area believe the baby was born in a communal lavatory and bathroom in a block of flats near by. They have appealed to the mother to come forward and say she must be in need of urgent medical aid. The hospital said the baby was well yesterday.

Anglo-French summit leaves the entente cordiale in good heart

From Ian Murray
Paris, Sept 19

"The entente cordiale is in good heart." That was the message Mrs Thatcher and President Giscard d'Estaing sought in their different ways to drive home at the end of their annual summit meeting here today.

Those words were Mrs Thatcher's and later she objected to the way the official translator had put them into French. "I understand", he said, "that the entente was in good shape", she remarked. "But I said the heart because the heart is more important than the shape."

President Giscard d'Estaing, acting as rapporteur of the meeting, commented on the "cordial and trustful atmosphere" in which all the discussions had taken place. The thorny question of Europe had been raised, but it seemed in no way to have rufiled the determination of both leaders to improve relations between the two countries.

That mutual determination was underlined once again by Mrs Thatcher in a speech in Bordeaux tonight at the dinner given by the Franco-British Council. "Our countries have every reason to coordinate our approach as closely as possible", she said. The speech was prepared well before the summit meeting took place, so it was obvious from the outset that discussions would go smoothly.

Nevertheless, although the European problem may have been swept under the carpet, the lumps showed. President Giscard d'Estaing in his report "noted with interest the willingness shown by the Prime Minister to implement within the agreed timetable those decisions taken last spring".

Mrs Thatcher was more specific. Britain always kept its promises, she said, and the package as agreed last May would go through. This meant that an agreement on sheep meat should be complete by October 15; that good progress was being made on a fisheries policy; and that in return it was confidently expected that the "procedural agreement" on the budget contribution would be ready by the end of the calendar year.

This, she said, represented the entire package agreed in May. As far as agreement on next year's agricultural prices was concerned she made it clear that there was no "linkage" in her mind between this and the completion of the "procedural agreement" on Britain's budget contributions.

"We are trying to be good Europeans and to reach agreement in good time", she said. "Last year the budget and the prices happened to be linked—but not by us. Now as each thing comes up we shall try to reach agreement on it."

At all events both leaders had agreed that a bilateral summit was not the proper time or place for negotiations on matters which involved all nine European partners. Both made it clear that most of the day had been spent discussing world problems and the economy in a way that befitted two former world powers which believed they still had a great deal of experience and skill to offer.

President Giscard d'Estaing enumerated the topics discussed—Poland, Afghanistan, East-West relationships, strategic problems, the Helsinki agreement, the Middle East and South Africa, with particular reference to Namibia.

He made it obvious that he believed his dreams of making Europe a force in the world once more were considerably improved by the "similar and converging views" Britain and France shared on these subjects. It would, he said, go some way towards ending "the historic anomaly of the effacement of Europe".

Mrs Thatcher, as she appeared to have done throughout the meeting, agreed. "I

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Police get a foot in the book of records

By Stewart Tendler

The Metropolitan Police have gained an entry in the 1981 *Guinness Book of Records*. Before cynics, sceptics and others of an uncharitable nature jump to rash, dramatic or derogatory conclusions it should be added the entry is for football.

To be more precise the entry is for the organization of the largest football competition ever held anywhere. The entry could also be subtitled the world's largest children's sports contest since it involves 48,000 youngsters between the ages of 10 and 18 in a five-a-side contest culminating at Wembley next month.

Behind the superlatives lies an exercise in community relations aimed at reaching what might be described as London's dead end kids: children living on the housing estates and in broken down areas whose relationship with the police is less than harmonious.

The community relations branch at Scotland Yard began with the bare and unpleasant statistic that one third of those arrested for serious offences in London is under 16 years of age. The force already runs schemes in schools and youth clubs to give police and children a better understanding of each other but officers felt that still left a large residue of children whose only contact with the police came when they were in trouble.

The possibility of a football competition sprang from a visit by a chief inspector in the branch to Glasgow, part of Sir David McNee's bailiwick before he became commissioner in London. The success of the scheme there, with 800 teams, prompted a trial scheme in Hackney last year.

The advantages of a football competition lay in the fact that sport was potentially a common denominator between children and the police. Little equipment was required and few children have not kicked a ball around at some time in their lives.

At best Scotland Yard expected a maximum of 4,000 teams, including girls, but since the competition began in the spring, 6,885 teams have played. Many of the sides—five players and two substitutes—came not unexpectedly from schools and orthodox clubs but others were from the catchment area the police were particularly concerned about.

Some children undoubtedly entered the competition to get what they could out of it and no more, but Scotland Yard believes others have managed to bridge the gap with the police.

But even the neutrality of a football pitch does not guarantee that the horny hand of the law will not be required at some stage. Among the competition's records is one for the formal cautioning of an entire team.

Exactly what the long-term benefits will be nobody can forecast as yet. Indeed it may well be that they can never be evaluated in any statistical or cost effective form. But certainly, for an outlay of £25,000 provided by one of the big banks, they may well have made the children stop and think about their relationship with the police.

Iran tanks and jets in action against Iraq

From Tewfik Mishlawi
Beirut, Sept 19

Iranian Air Force jets today strafed an Iraqi naval base, while a column of Iranian tanks set out to regain frontier positions captured by Iraq in more than a week of fierce fighting. An Iraqi military spokesman said both attacks were repulsed and only one Iraqi soldier was killed.

Tehran admitted today that two of its American-built F5 Phantom fighters were shot down in the fighting yesterday and that 11 Iranian soldiers had been killed in the past two days.

The raised tempo of the fighting came two days after Iraq unilaterally abrogated its 1975 border agreement with Iran and proclaimed exclusive control of the Shatt al-Arab waterway which forms part of the frontier between the two states in the Gulf.

The Iraqi spokesman said today's clashes, the worst since hostilities began over a week ago, involved land, air and naval forces, and that one Iranian tank was knocked out. He said Iraqi anti-aircraft guns at Khor Abdulla port went into action when Iranian fighter jets raided the small naval base in Shatt al-Arab. He did not say whether any damage had been caused.

Another formation of Iranian military aircraft bombed the frontier post of Maisan, which Iran's land forces were trying to recapture from Iraq.

Iraq plans to capture about 200 square miles of land which Baghdad claims to be part of Iraqi territory. So far, it has "liberated" over 120 square miles, the Iraqi state-controlled media said today.

Iran has rejected the Iraqi claims and accused Baghdad of massing troops on the Iranian border with a view to attacking Khuzestan, the richest oil province of Iran. The Iraq Government has always supported the autonomy-seeking Arab minority in Khuzestan, which it calls Arabistan.

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Record 16 million tonne grain crop likely, survey shows

By Hugh Clayton
Agriculture Correspondent

Farm surveys completed yesterday suggest that Britain will have a record grain crop this year. Separate studies conducted by the Government and *The Times* during harvesting show that the cereal harvest in England and Wales will exceed 16 million tonnes for the first time.

The surveys are the first of the year to be based on harvest results rather than estimates made during the growing season. Although figures in *The Times* survey are higher than those issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, both leave little room for doubt that the harvest will be a record.

There was a greater cereal acreage this year and a larger area was sown to early varieties which were well established before the bad weather early in the season.

The two surveys are not strictly comparable: the Government figures were compiled for England and Wales from results taken from farms at the end of August.

Grain yields (tonnes/hectare)	wheat	barley	oats
Government	5.3	4.4	4.5
'The Times'	5.8	4.9	4.7

Note: Government figures cover England and Wales in late August; 'Times' figures cover Great Britain in early September.

The survey conducted by *The Times*, the full results of which will be published on Monday, was based on returns from farmers in early September. It covers the small Scottish cereal acreage as well as farms throughout England and Wales.

The two surveys suggest that there will be a heavy farm crop of potatoes. The Government records a figure of 35.6 tonnes a hectare and *The Times* 35.7 tonnes throughout Great Britain.

Asked if the results indicated a record, the ministry said last night: "It is far too early to give an authoritative answer". It agreed, however, that its 1980 figures added up to a higher total than in the late 1970s.

Widespread publicity about record yields could have an unsettling effect on grain markets and induce more farmers to add to the already embarrassingly large British share of the EEC "grain mountain".

While the notorious beef "mountain" of the 1970s has dwindled, the official store of grain has increased. The latest bulletin from the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce, the branch of the Civil Service that adminsters EEC farm policy in Britain, shows that the country has stored 144,000 tonnes of barley and 1,000 tonnes of oilseed rape.

The Home-Grown Cereals Authority said yesterday that wheat good enough for bread rather than livestock feed was being offered for purchase by EEC stores.

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Ten more suspected cases of legionnaires' disease reported in holidaymakers

By Robin Young in London, and Harry Debelius in Madrid

Ten new suspected cases of legionnaires' disease were reported yesterday among British holidaymakers who returned recently from the Rio Park hotel in the Spanish resort of Benidorm.

Two men and one woman, aged in their twenties, have been admitted to the West Lane Hospital, Middlesbrough, where their symptoms were described as quite mild.

Two more suspected cases were in hospital in the Cleveland area yesterday afternoon, while another two were under observation at home. Others were reported from Cardiff, Nottinghamshire and Birmingham.

A man aged 42 had died and five cases of legionnaires' disease had been confirmed previously among Britons who recently stayed at the hotel, which has been connected with outbreaks of the disease five times in the past eight years.

In Spain, where newspapers have not yet mentioned the latest outbreak among the Rio Park's guests, the tourist authorities yesterday accused British newspapers of creating "an alarmist climate".

The Spanish health ministry cautioned reporters against linking the cases of legionnaire's disease in Britain with either the hotel or with Benidorm.

The ministry claimed in a statement issued yesterday that it was not yet possible to trace the origin of the disease to any particular source.

Two British specialists have gone to Spain to assist the Spanish authorities' attempts to trace the source of the disease. They said in Benidorm yesterday that they would not limit their search to the Rio Park Hotel.

Dr Andrew Swann, a microbiologist from Oxford University, and Dr Christopher Bartlett, of the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre at Colindale, said that they were checking the water supply and filter systems at the hotel.

A few dozen British holidaymakers remained at the hotel last night, although more than 500 guests were taken to other hotels in Benidorm on Thursday.

Thomson Holidays, whose customers occupied almost all the rooms at the hotel, said that the last of its clients would leave the hotel today to return to Britain.

The company said that the Rio Park had been "positively cleared" by medical investigators, including specialists from Britain, after the previous outbreaks.

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Thatcher–TUC talks date

By a Staff Reporter

The Prime Minister is to meet Mr Len Murray, the general secretary of the Trades Union Congress and other members of the TUC General Council on October 14, Downing Street said last night.

The request for the meeting, which is four days after the end of the Conservative Party conference, came from the TUC at the end of August.

High on the agenda is expected to be the state of the economy and the TUC's concern about the rising number of unemployed.

Mr Murray has said that they are seeking real discussions and not arid lectures on Adam Smith and the need to reduce pay settlements.

The TUC has met Mrs Thatcher only once at No 10 during the 16 months of Conservative Government, and that was in June last year.

Mr Shore joins leadership fight

Mr James Callaghan has let it be known that he will make no declaration at the Labour Party conference in two weeks' time about whether he plans to retire from the leadership. He intends to tell the party when Parliament reassembles in November. Mr Peter Shore, Labour spokesman on foreign affairs, will deliver the H. G. Wells Memorial lecture on Monday. Although he will make no comment on the issue his speech will be interpreted as throwing his hat in the ring for the leadership Page 2

London murder hunt

Scotland Yard officers directing the search for two men wanted for questioning in connexion with four murders and a shooting in London, are studying photographs sent by one of the men to his family from a hideout. They were posted on Wednesday Page 2

Tough line on Consett

The British Steel Corporation has set tough conditions for the purchase by a private consortium of the Consett steelworks. No details have been disclosed but the corporation will almost certainly want an agreement on the cost of keeping Consett operational Page 2

US prime rate rises

Citibank announced a rise in the prime rate to 12½ per cent. This was quickly followed by other big American banks and indicated a recovery in United States economic conditions from the second quarter Page 17

Russians admit fierce fighting in Afghanistan

An unusually frank description of the guerrilla war in Afghanistan has appeared in the Soviet weekly journal *New Times*. It makes it clear that the fighting is widespread, bloody and brutal and contrasts starkly with the optimistic stories of pacification and restoration of normality put out by the official Afghan news agency Page 4

Food aid for Africa

The EEC and nine other countries have agreed to increase their food aid to 26 black African countries facing shortages. However, Britain said that it was not able to announce an increased contribution at present, but would watch the position Page 4

Kim sentence confirmed

South Korea's martial law commander has confirmed the death sentence on Mr Kim Dae Jung, the dissident leader. The fact that confirmation came so quickly suggests that a reprieve is unlikely Page 5

Rate increases likely

The Government's decision to withhold £200m in grants to local authorities is likely to lead to supplementary rates for some councils and higher rates next spring for others Page 3

Hospital closes: Protesters fighting to keep open St Benedict's in Tooting, London, conceded the battle was over 2

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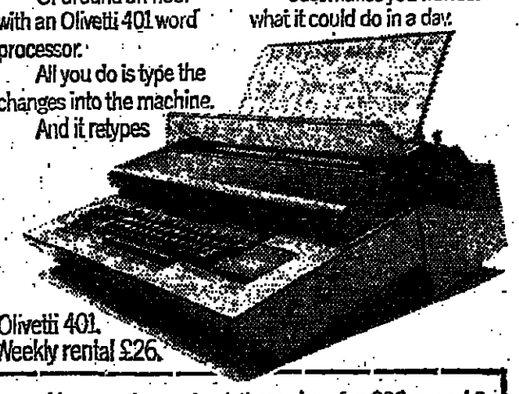

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HOME NEWS

Mr Shore enters leadership stakes

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

Labour's leadership issue will remain unresolved at the party conference in two weeks' time because Mr James Callaghan has let it be known that he will make no declaration about whether he plans to retire.

He intends to tell the party when Parliament reassembles in November.

His position was reaffirmed last night when it was learnt that Mr Peter Shore, Labour spokesman for foreign affairs, is to make a speech on Monday night setting out his views on socialism in the next decade.

Mr Shore will make no comment on the leadership in his speech, but his H. G. Wells Memorial Lecture will be interpreted as throwing his hat in the ring when Mr Callaghan eventually decides to stand down.

The other main contenders are Mr Denis Healey, Mr John Silkin and Mr Wedgwood Benn.

Mr Callaghan does not intend to give even a hint about his future during his keynote speech to the party conference. It is understood he has yet to make up his mind on whether to deliver a direct challenge to those on the left who are seeking to make constitutional changes in the party's organization and structure.

His main concern will be to deploy an alternative economic and industrial policy to that of the Government.

Mrs Shirley Williams, in a speech last night, said that people, in despair at the Government's policies, were turning back to Labour, but the party must offer something better than bueaucratic centralism.

Too many of Labour's policies recalled the past, she told a meeting in Port Talbot sponsored by the centre-right Campaign for Labour Victory.

"Nationalizing everything will not solve our problems any more than denationalizing will", she said.

The campaign believed Labour must adopt radical policies of decentralization and industrial democracy.

Photographs may aid murder manhunt

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard officers leading the search for two men wanted in connexion with four murders and a shooting yesterday were studying a group of photographs sent by one of the men to his family from a hideout.

They may provide a clue to the whereabouts of the men, who are considered to be armed and dangerous. Senior detectives had made it clear that the hunt has priority and they have asked the public to report any possible sightings but not to approach the men.

Mr James Anderson, aged 25, and Mr Michael Jamieson, aged 23, are wanted in connexion with the murder of an elderly couple in east London three weeks ago, the shooting of a sub-postmaster and the murder of two shopkeepers in west London last Wednesday.

The wanted men come from east London; Mr Anderson's family lives in Stratford while Mr Jamieson's lives in East Ham. Both are single.

Photographs arrived at Mr Anderson's family home yesterday showing the men and a girl named Jeanette. The pictures were posted on Wednesday, apparently without a covering note.

One photograph bears last Sunday's date and it may be possible for the police to get some indication of where it was taken. They have not identified the girl in one of the photographs.

The police have not said how many men are taking part in the hunt, but additional officers are likely to have been drafted in for the search which is being based on London.

When the police began a discreet search for the men after the first two incidents, one apparently telephoned the police last weekend and gave a warning that any publicized search for them would result in harm to an innocent person.

After the warning senior detectives directing the investigation into the deaths of Mr and Mrs Joseph Herbert in New Barn Street, east London, decided for the moment not to publicize the hunt. On Thursday the men were named in connexion with the murder of Mr Nathan Taylor, aged 72, and Mr Leonard Mintz, aged 59, in Shepherds Bush, west London, and it was then decided to issue pictures and descriptions of Mr Anderson and Mr Jamieson.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner David Powis said yesterday that the decisions about publicity were a matter of professional judgment. "We have to weigh certain issues. I have no regrets about the conduct of the case in any respect at all."

He said he was proud of the work done by Det Chief Supt Ronald Hay in charge of the Herbert case, and Det Chief Supt Kenneth Merton, investigating the west London killings.

The police have not given their reasons for linking the three incidents, but it is understood to be connected with scientific assessments of evidence at the three scenes.

Mr and Mrs Herbert, aged in their 70s, were found bound and stabbed at their home after having been tortured and terrorized. Mr Champaklal Ghnadi was shot in a raid on a post office in East Ham two weeks later.

Mr Taylor, the shop owner, and Mr Mintz, his assistant and nephew, were each killed by a shot in the chest. Police do not know the motive for their deaths.

Protesters at hospital claim moral victory

By Craig Seton

A final attempt to prevent the closure of St Benedict's Hospital, Tooting, South-west London, ended yesterday with the arrest of a protester and a slight injury to another as private ambulances removed the last six geriatric patients.

Union officials representing health service employees effectively conceded that the battle to keep open the 100-year hospital was over, but they claimed a moral victory after more than a week of picketing to protest at the removal of patients.

Sixty-five patients were moved from St Benedict's over the past 10 days to three other south London hospitals where, health officials said, there were better facilities. Of the 35 who remain at the hospital, 27 will be accommodated in a building in the grounds while the other eight will move to hospitals nearer relatives, to residential homes or looked after at home. The main hospital will be closed by November.

Health service unions have claimed that the hospital was being closed because of spending cuts. The Wandsworth and East Merton health district said the cuts merely brought forward a planned reorganization of provision for geriatric patients, although the closure would save £1.5m a year in running costs. It said there was no reduction in patient services. The beds at the hospital were being provided at other hospitals with better facilities.

The 230 staff and employees at the hospital have been offered other jobs in the district. All but 10 are reported to have accepted.

Photograph by Malcolm Clarke

Mrs Emily Kipps, aged 63, a former patient, watching the last people being moved from the hospital yesterday.

About fifty protesters were outside the hospital's main gates yesterday as three private ambulances, with a police escort, arrived. More than 20 police officers were on duty and minor scuffles broke out

The removal of the last patients proved an emotional moment for Mrs Emily Kipps, aged 63, a former patient at the hospital, who hand-pedalled two miles from her home in a wheelchair to protest against the closure. She said: "It is a lovely hospital. They are not thinking of the old people

Mr Ian Scott, an area official for the National Union of Public Employees, whose members protested at the closure, said yesterday: "The present fight is over. The health authority has succeeded in forcing the patients out. They have won but we have the moral victory."

There have been angry clashes during the demonstration at the hospital. Earlier this week 19 demonstrators were arrested.

BSC puts tough terms for Consett takeover

By Peter Hill
Industrial Editor

Tough conditions have been laid down by the British Steel Corporation for the acquisition by a private consortium of the Consett steelworks in co Durham.

The state steel undertaking yesterday gave the consortium members details of the terms it would attach to any sale of the works, which were closed a week ago as part of the corporation's retrenchment programme.

Members of the consortium, which comprises about a dozen companies with a combined turnover of more than £700m, met last night to consider the corporation's response to the meeting earlier this week with Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman, and other senior executives of the corporation.

That was chiefly an exploratory session and the corporation team made it clear that further talks would have to be with principals of the consortium. The group, which has formed a new company, Northern Industrial Group (Holdings), declined last night to give details of the conditions BSC is attaching to any sale, beyond describing them as tough.

However, the corporation, which lost £545m last year and which will be involved next week in talks with Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, on the level of government funding in the future, w almost certainly want son agreement on the allocation costs incurred in keeping Co sett operational while negot tions continue.

Last night a spokesman f the consortium said: "We a still optimistic that our effo will succeed but clearly the is some hard bargaining to done. But there is a genui desire, we believe, on bo sides to try and save 2,700 jo in the Consett works."

The group is expected seek further talks next wee by which time it is expect that a provisional board and chairman will have be appointed.

Earlier the consortiu indicated that if it secur agreement with the corporati it would reopen the pl within about two months. Giv a commitment by steel indus unions to a substantial bo in productivity, the plant sho be profitable in its first y in private hands, the group said.

After last week's closu when workers received red dancy and severance payme averaging £7,500 a man, corporation will also be c cerned to establish how far consortium is prepared to in meeting the costs involv in running down the wor The corporation has estima those costs at £35m.

Steel managers vote for union merger

By Our Labour Staff

The association representing most British Steel Corporation managers will become part of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union (EETPU) before the end of the year.

Results of a secret ballot among the 12,000 members of the Steel Industry Management Association (Sima), announced yesterday, showed a three-to-one majority in favour of joining the EETPU's white-collar section, the Electrical Engineering Staffs Association (EESA).

Mr Robert Muir, general secretary of the association, who will become a national officer of EESA, said yesterday that he had been somewhat disappointed with the poll of 46 per cent, but delighted with the convincing majority in favour of the merger.

The association's nato council will continue to de mine policy under the structure, and to appoint own full-time officials. It not affiliate to the Lab Party.

The association has b courted by at least six o TUC-affiliated unions since attempt to join the TUC in own right were blocked on ground that it should seek merge with an appropri union. Talks aimed at a mer with the Iron and Steel Tra Confederation failed when union, the biggest in the st industry, was unable to g acceptable assurances to Si about autonomy.

Sima will win the place the TUC steel committee is long sought. It is already rec nized by the British St Corporation for negotiations.

Pay realism expected by Mr Prior

By Our Political Reporter

Encouraging signs of greater realism in the autumn pay round were envisaged by Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday.

He said most people accepted that excessive pay deals would make the country's difficulties worse.

Mr Prior, addressing St Alban's Conservative Association, said: "They see no reason for the huge pay claim when the rate of inflation is moving steadily downwards. Nor do they see any reason why those working in private firms should take the whole strain."

Britain would look to those working in the public sector to take their fair share of the burden.

The "sure-fire consequence of excessive pay deals throughout nationalized industries, the public services and local and central government would be to thwart any amount of effort and undermine every degree of realism in private industry, he said.

In the coming months Britain would also look to the trade unions to cooperate, he said. Big pay claims would be out of step with the national mood and totally out of touch with the wishes of most trade unionists.

Inflation policies: Any attempt to reverse the Government's policies to beat inflation would be more harmful than seeing them through to the end, Mr John Biffen, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday (the Press Association reports).

He also gave warning that there was still "some further period before we reach the low point of the current recession", but added: "I believe there exists the situation and circumstances to enable a recovery to come during the process of next year".

Mr Biffen also told a businessmen's lunch in Harrogate, north Yorkshire, that the Government should not be bundled by general comment into cutting minimum lending rate.

'Star' talks over London printing

By Our Labour Staff

The management of Express Newspapers is to meet printing union leaders on Monday for talks on the implications of the announcement that the *Daily Star* is to cease printing in London after September 27.

The talks are expected to focus on what economies, if any, can be entered into which would persuade the ecompany to reverse its decision. At present made-up pages are sent by facsimile transmission from the newspaper's Manchester base for printing on the company's Fleet Street presses.

Mr Leslie Dixon, president of the National Graphical Association, 39 of whose members could be affected by the decision, was to have met senior management yesterday but the talks were postponed in favour of Monday's meeting. He has indicated that he is hopeful that the decision can be reversed.

Offer rejected: The National Union of Journalists chapel [office union branch] representatives of 500 striking London and suburban local newspaper employees yesterday voted by 20 to one, with one abstention to endorse the general secretary's rejection of an improved London weighting offer from the Newspaper Society.

The offer would have added £1 from January, 1981, to an existing offer of a £8.50 London allowance, and the promise of indexation of London weighting payments from 1982.

The £8.50 a week allowance would yield £3 per week "new money" to journalists above average pay and £4 to those below it.

Redundancy dispute threatens overtime work on Mini Metro

By David Felton
Labour Reporter

White-collar unions representing more than 20,000 workers at BL have said that they could withdraw cooperation and ban overtime working on such vital projects as the Mini Metro if the company makes any of their members compulsorily redundant.

The warning was given to the company this week during a meeting to discuss BL's plans to cut its white-collar workforce by about 4,000, which were announced last month. Union leaders say the company had told them that if there were not enough volunteers for redundancy it would introduce a compulsory programme so that the reduction could be achieved by the target date of March next year.

The unions fear that, because of the present high unemployment, not enough white-collar staff, whose jobs vary from clerical work to design and systems analysis, will leave of their own accord.

Mr Roy Grantham, general secretary of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex), which represents half of the workers BL wants to shed, said last night: "We have told the company that our members have voted unanimously that they are not prepared to accept compulsory redundancies".

He said the union accepted BL's need to reduce staff because of the slump in the industry, but the union's policy was that there should be no forced redundancies while large amounts of overtime were being worked.

"As a general rule we are not in favour of overtime, but we recognize that there are special circumstances in which it is necessary. There is a substantial amount of overtime being worked on the launch of the Mini Metro and we would not be prepared to see this continue if the company brings in compulsory redundancies".

The other main unions involved are the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, the Technical Administrative and Supervisory Section (TASS) of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, and the white-collar section of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Mr Grantham said his union was angry at BL's attitude because it had supported Sir Michael Edwardes's recovery programme for the company.

BBC unions accept peace plan

By Our Arts Reporter

Members of the two unions involved in the BBC craftsmen's dispute yesterday voted to accept a formula agreed at talks at the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service on Thursday.

The dispute, involving scenery and operations staff, arose when the unions, the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs and the National Association of Theatrical, Television and Kine Employees, insisted that a carpenter and his mate should be sent to Ross-on-Wye to service a trick glass door for a film sequence in *The Dawson Watch*, to which two special effects staff had already been allocated.

The BBC said it felt there would be no work for the carpenter and his mate.

The producer of the film decided to delete the sketch and the door was never completed, but the series was subsequently blacked. 27 staff were suspended and a further 400 went on strike.

Among the terms on which the return to work was agreed was one allowing urgent talks to take place to examine the possible craft content of the visual effects department at north Acton.

Mill staff vote for wages cut to save their jobs

From Our Correspondent
Bradford

Workers at a wool textile mill in West Yorkshire have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a 10 per cent wage cut to save their jobs.

The 220 employees of William Denby and Sons, dyers and finishers, of Tong Park, Baildon, near Bradford, were balloted after being told that unless wages were reduced there was a risk of the dyeworks being closed.

Yesterday Mr James Ruddy, the firm's chief executive, said: "We have 90 per cent of ballot papers in and at least per cent are prepared to acc the suggested reduction.

Mr Ruddy said there wo still be some redundan which had been made necess some time ago but the duction staff would not affected.

Meanwhile, the Woolcomb textile group announced that woolcombing mill of Tho Henry Shaw, in Wapping R Bradford, would close wit two months. About 90 pe will lose their jobs.

Prison staff call for public relations service

From a Correspondent
Falkirk

Scottish prison officers decided yesterday to press for the appointment of a public relations officer for the prison service.

Accepting the resolution at the annual conference of the Scottish Prison Officers' Association, Mr John Renton, the organization's secretary said it would open up prisons to the media so that they could see what was going on.

However, a move to give prison officers the right to speak in public about their work was narrowly defeated.

The conference also wants an independent research organization to be established to report on new rehabilitation programmes, such as the newly-established treatment for alcoholism at Corton Vale prison for women at Stirling.

Delegates remitted to the executive committee a motion calling for the upgrading of prison officers' training and rejected calls for industrial action over the question of civilian workers in prison

Union starts surgeries to offer jobs advice

From Our Correspondent
Cardiff

The General and Municipal Workers' Union is to launch today what it believes is an unusual service to help the unemployed and those facing the loss of jobs.

The union's officers in South Wales are holding the first of several "employment surgeries" to give specialist help and advice to anyone, not just union members, who have employment difficulties.

Mr David Plant, the union's regional officer, said: "We believe this is the first time that a trade union has opened its doors so wide to the general public.

"We believe that because of the unemployment crisis that South Wales faces it is necessary that we make an attempt to assist anyone who feels in need of help."

The first two "surgeries" will be held this morning at Cwmbran, near the Llanwern steel works where the British Steel Corporation is making 6,000 redundant, and at Swansea.

Rescue boat restored

An air-sea rescue boat built in 1942, that saved the lives of 289 people, has been rescued itself from the mud of Poole Harbour, Dorset.

Yesterday Boat No 2597 was relaunched at Poole looking like a new craft. It has been greatly restored over three years.

The work has been carried out by Mr Brian Oliver, of Charlton Marshall, Dorset. He bought the partly restored boat from Mr John Elliott, who started the project.

The boat was one of the first air-sea rescue craft to be built and was powered by three Napier V12 engines capable of 42 knots. They are all that is missing now. It was built entirely of Honduras mahogany, and armed with Browning 303 machine guns.

Seamen given warning over 17% claim

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

Leaders of 26,000 merchant seamen seeking a big pay increase were given a warning by shipping employers yesterday that the industry was determined to keep down its costs to stay competitive.

Mr James Slater, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, hinted that his union was seeking rises of about 17 per cent. He said the union wanted a substantial increase, one which made up for the cost of living and which would safeguard his members' financial position in the coming year.

The union's claim was submitted yesterday but was not quantified. It sought increases in basic pay, consolidation for overtime and leave pay calculations of a £5 per week service payment made to all qualified seamen, and improved overtime rates.

The General Council of British Shipping, which is expected to reply to the claim when the parties meet again on November 4, said after yesterday's talks that it had told the union that the state of the United Kingdom shipping industry was such that there were clear limits on increases in operating costs which shipping companies could sustain if they were to stay in business.

The council is likely to say when in makes its offer that a combination of wage costs relative to other countries and the strength of the pound have seriously threatened the competitive strength of the British merchant fleet, which in the past four and a half years has declined from 50,000,000 to 36,500,000 deadweight tons.

Although contrasts with wage increases in Japan and European countries are in the employers' mind the union believes that the use of cheap labour under flags of convenience is a significant factor in reducing competitiveness.

Seamen's negotiations normally cause anxiety in ministerial circles, partly because the effects of a breakdown would be serious for trade. The union went to the brink of a strike in 1976, the first year of the Labour Government's incomes policy, but the TUC persuaded it to call it off.

Earnings on average for qualified foreign-going seamen grade I are £125 a week when at sea and £82 when on leave.

Textile offer: The British Clothing Industries Association is to seek ratification from its member firms for a 9.5 per cent provisional offer made to between 180,000 to 200,000 workers in the clothing and textiles industries.

The National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers will recommend the proposals.

Lorry drivers press for reduction in hours

By Our Labour Staff

Road haulage contractors are steeling themselves for tough negotiations on pay claims of more than 20 per cent and a shorter working week for 200,000 lorry drivers.

Claims have been submitted in four areas, including the West Midlands, the largest area. All closely follow the national policy agreed by lorry driver delegates of the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) for increases at least in line with the rate of inflation.

The union's demands include the introduction of a 35-hour week and extra holidays. The general settlement date is January 1, but some of the 15 regions of the Road Haulage Association will settle earlier.

The union is this year emphasizing a reduction in hours. Mr Jack Ashwell, national officer of the TGWU, said: "This is an opportunity for linking a reduction in the basic working week with a reduction in hours worked. We are saying that if there is a five-hour reduction in the working week both sides should agree not to make up the difference with extra overtime."

The union will also be seeking improvements in subsistence allowances, such as overnight stays. Last year the lorry drivers settled for increases of about 19 to 20 per cent, with subsistence allowances adding a further 2 per cent.

Mr Christopher Dixon, industrial relations officer of the Road Haulage Association, said: "We are expecting there to be a lot of hard talking in view of the economic situation this year. Everyone is aware of the draught blowing through the economy. In transport it is turning into a gale.

"At the present time with so many drivers on short time or being made redundant and firms going out of business it is going to be difficult to find any money at all this year", he said.

The present basic wage of an experienced heavy goods vehicle driver is £76 to £78 a week, and average weekly earnings in the industry are about £125.

Claims have so far been received from the union in the West Midlands, southern region which includes London, Devon and Cornwall, and South Wales.

The union has already opened negotiations on a "substantial" pay claim on behalf of oil company tanker drivers working for the five major oil companies.

They are due to settle in November and are seeking increases above the rate of inflation. Union negotiators believe that the oil companies are sufficiently healthy financially to afford big increases.

Two factories in London are listed

Two early twentieth-century London factories have been listed by the Government in reply to calls from conservationists to preserve the capital's heritage of these buildings.

The Department of the Environment announced yesterday that it had added the Coty and Pyrene factories in the Great West Road, Hounslow, to the list of architecturally and historically interesting buildings.

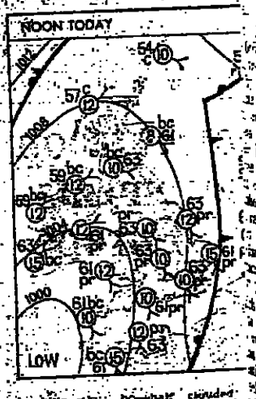
The decision comes after a public outcry after demolition workers moved into the 1920s Firestone factory at Brentford before the building could be listed.

Walk-out threat by 200 dockers

More than 200 Liverpool dockers are threatening to walk out at the end of the month in a fresh dispute over redundancies. They support 24 colleagues not covered by a peace formula reached on Thursday that is expected to avert a threatened national docks strike on Monday.

The formula is expected to guarantee new jobs for 275 dockers working for the shipping line T. and J. Harrison, but leaves the 24, also Harrison employees, facing redundancy.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sun rises: 6.44 am. Sun sets: 7.03 pm
Moon sets: 1.14 am. Moon rises: 5.07 pm
Full moon: September 24.
Lighting up: 7.33 pm to 6.15 am.
High water: London Bridge, 10.10 am, 5.6m; 11.02 pm, 5.7m. Avonmouth, 3.21 am, 9.8m; 4.12 pm, 10.3m. Dover, 8.06 am, 5.3m; 8.37 pm, 5.5m. Hull, 2.38 am, 5.8m; 3.34 pm, 5.8m. Liverpool, 8.11 am, 7.4m; 8.45 pm, 7.8m.

Low pressure to SW. Diffuse frontal system near E England.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central SE England, East Anglia, Midlands (E), Channel Islands: Rather cloudy with bright intervals, occasional showers, perhaps isolated thunder; wind, S moderate; max temp 19° to 21°C (66° to 70°F).

Midlands (W), SW England, S Wales: Bright intervals, occasional showers, perhaps isolated thunder, wind S, moderate, locally fresh at first; max temp 17° to 19°C (63° to 66°F).

N Wales, NW Central, N, NE England, Lake District: Variable, cloudy, showers, locally heavy and perhaps prolonged; wind, S to SE, light to moderate; max temp 17° to 20°C (63° to 68°F).

Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, showers, locally heavy; wind mostly E, light to moderate; max temp 16° or 17°C (61° to 63°F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NW Scotland: Sunny intervals; scattered showers; wind, mostly E to SE, light or moderate; max temp 15° to 18°C (59° to 64°F).

Aberdeen, NE Scotland, Orkney: Isolated showers; coastal fog patches; wind, SE, light to moderate; max temp 13° to 15°C (55° to 59°F).

Shetland: Rather cloudy; outbreaks of rain or drizzle; wind, E moderate; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Unsettled; most parts will have sunny intervals and showers but some longer outbreaks of rain are also likely; temp near or above normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind moderate, locally fresh, sea slight.

English Channel (E): Wind, S moderate to fresh, sea slight to moderate.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind, SE fresh, locally strong, becoming light, sea rough becoming slight.

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 6.45 am. Sun sets: 7.01 pm
Moon sets: 2.23 am. Moon rises: 5.46 pm
Full moon: September 24.
Lighting up: 7.31 pm to 6.17 am.
High water: London Bridge, 11.35 am, 5.9m. Avonmouth, 4.33 am, 10.7m; 5.32 pm, 11.5m. Dover, 9.09 am, 5.8m; 9.30 pm, 5.9m. Hull, 3.53 am, 6.2m; 4.41 pm, 6.5m. Liverpool, 9.29 am, 7.9m; 9.47 pm, 8.5m.
1ft = 0.3048m. 1m = 3.2808ft.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 21°C (70°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 17°C (63°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 73 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 3.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1009.1 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, September

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	°F	
E COAST					
Scarborough	7.8	—	21	70	Sun p
Bridlington	6.3	.02	19	66	Sun i
Cromer	9.5	—	19	66	Cloudy
Clacton	1.0	—	19	66	Cloudy
Margate	1.0	—	21	70	Cloudy
S COAST					
Hastings	0.5	—	19	66	Cloudy
Eastbourne	1.7	—	19	66	Cloudy
Brighton	1.8	—	19	66	Sun i
Bognor	5.1	—	19	66	Sun i
Southsea	5.0	—	20	68	Sun i
Swanage	3.9	—	19	66	Sun i
Torquay	7.3	.12	19	66	Sun i
Falmouth	7.0	.02	17	63	Sun i
W COAST					
Morecambe	4.5	.05	20	68	Showers
Blackpool	1.3	.05	19	66	Showers
Anglesey	6.3	.15	19	66	Sun i
Ilfracombe	5.2	.05	20	68	Sun i
Newquay	5.4	.21	17	63	Showers

Overseas selling prices

Australia $2; Austria Sch 20; Bahrain BD 0.600; Belgium B frs 40; Canary Pes 80; Cyprus 400 mils; Denmark Dkr 5; Finland Mkk 5; France Frs 4; Germany Dm 3.50; Greece Dr 70; Holland Gl 3.00; Iran Rials 110; Italy L 1100; Jordan JD 0.350; Kuwait KD 0.500; Lebanon LL 5; Luxembourg Lf 30; Madeira Esc 50; Malta 20c; Morocco Dir 5.00; Norway Kr 6.00; Oman OR 0.640; Portugal Esc 50; Qatar Dir 5.00; Saudi Arabia SR 5.00; Singapore $4; Spain Pes 75; Sweden Skr 5.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.50; Syria LS 4.50; Tunisia Din 0.750; Turkey TL 200; UAE Dir 5.00; Yugoslavia Din 40.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; s, sun.

Akrotiri	s	27	81	Gerona	s	28	82	Jersey	s	17	63	Nantes	s	17	63
Amiens	f	16	61	Cologne	s	18	64	L'Palmas	f	24	75	Nice	s	21	70
Amsterdam	c	20	68	Copenhagen	s	17	63	Lisbon	f	23	73	Oslo	c	14	57
Athens	s	27	81	Dublin	c	15	59	Locarno	f	21	70	Paris	s	24	75
Barcelona	c	25	77	Edinburgh	f	15	59	London	f	19	66	Reykjavik	d	7	45
Beirut	s	28	82	Florence	f	20	68	Luxembourg	s	18	64	Rome	f	22	72
Belfast	f	16	61	Funchal	c	21	70	Madrid	f	22	72	Ronaldsway	c	16	61
Berlin	f	20	68	Geneva	f	22	72	Majorca	f	22	72	Stockholm	c	16	61
Biarritz	c	25	77	Gibraltar	f	25	77	Malaga	f	24	75	Tel Aviv	s	27	81
Birmingham	f	13	55	Guernsey	c	16	61	Malta	f	27	81	Venice	f	18	64
Bristol	f	19	66	Helsinki	f	14	57	Manchester	f	17	63	Vienna	f	17	63
Brussels	f	17	63	Innsbruck	s	20	68	Marseille	f	17	63	Warsaw	f	18	64
Budapest	s	19	66	Istanbul	s	23	73	Munich	f	24	75	Zurich	s	21	70

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ort, however, came ves- from the Confederation sh Industry. Mr Michael hairman of a CBI work- ty on local government said that council over- g had to be tackled and seltine had done all he within his constitutional

ohn Biffen, Chief Secre- o the Treasury, said ay that local authorities still get the £200m grant

king at a press confer- Harrogate, he said: "I e £200m is just a spectre ed to bring about recon- tion of budgets. Perhaps not be needed. There are of precedents which sug- might not."

ery much hope it will not eded because by the very of its implementation it rely arbitrary and will ood the just and unjust."

Mr Davis, speaking at the CBI headquarters in London, said the onus was now on local authorities, particularly the authorities where exceptional sanctions had been applied, to adjust spending in the light of Mr Heseltine's decisions.

The concern of business and industry was that the shortfall should not be passed on in rate increases, particularly to the business community.

The CBI headquarters is in the borough of Camden, the authority at the top of the list of those singled out for their alleged blatant disregard of the government guidelines. It could cost them a 5p rate to make up for their loss of grant.

Mr Heseltine in his announcement delivered what he had promised, and the Treasury had insisted on, if local government budgets still exceeded the target set in the Government's rate support grant last November.

Whether it was necessary is vigorously disputed by the local authority associations, but the outcome will not be known until next summer, by which time the authorities or their ratepayers will have suffered.

The possibility of penalties against authorities was foreseen months ago. The Labour Party local government conference in February decided to fight such a move in the courts. That seems unlikely now, although Mr Roy Hattersley, opposition spokesman for the environment, emphasized yesterday what he termed the illegality of Mr Heseltine's decision.

He told a meeting at Matlock, Derbyshire, that if Britain had a written constitution or a Bill of rights, the decision would have been declared illegal by the courts.

"His behaviour was arbitrary and capricious," Mr Hattersley said. "There is no appeal against conviction. The powers under which he proposes to act are retrospective.

"Indeed, he has convicted and sentenced 14 councils before the House of Lords has even approved the Bill that turns lawful behaviour into illegal offence."

Councils facing special penalties unless they make immediate cuts will find it difficult to achieve them half way through the year. There will be meetings of those authorities, and of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, in the next few days to determine their future actions.

What is certain is that some will maintain their position and not cut services. That will mean a supplementary rate this autumn or higher rates next spring, or both. One or two of the 14 councils are only just over the limit, and can make small cuts to escape penalties, but if substantial cuts are made staff redundancies will follow.

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managers on merger

r. Jenkin defends social cuts overspending councils

Pat Healy
Services Correspondent

ial Services spending is g at 12 per cent above ment guidelines, Mr k Jenkin, Secretary of for Social Services, said day.

that was entirely accept- to the Government pro- the overall target for government spending was he told the final session e Association of Directors cial Services' conference rham.

assurance did not pre- angry reactions. He was first Cabinet Minister to ess an important local rnment conference since nnouncement of the £200m drawal of rate support n and further money from verspending councils.

iss Tessa Jowell, a member e social services committee Camden which headed the of overspending councils, the new cuts would have a devastating effect on her own and other inner-London boroughs.

Camden stood to lose more than £5m in addition to its share of the £200m general withdrawal of rate support grants. Tower Hamlets, which has one of the highest levels of social problems of any authority in Britain, would also suffer badly.

Miss Jowell asked how Mr Jenkin could defend picking the "most deprived inner-city areas" for such penalties. How could they protect their social services in line with government hopes, she asked to loud applause from the conference.

Mr Jenkin replied that if we continued to spend more than we earned, which meant borrowing more money and continuing the high interest rate that deterred industrial growth, we would be cutting out own throats. If the Government did not take vigorous steps to curb overspending, we would go down in ruins.

"The Government owes it to those authorities who have been responsible to bring home to those who have not that they are part of the same society and part of the game", Mr Jenkin said. "The economical should not be made to suffer for the extravagance of the others."

Mr Reginald Beer, chairman of Social Services for Tower Hamlets, said his authority would be penalized by £1.5m in addition to its share of the £200m, which, he maintained, was based on questionable statistical evidence.

Tower Hamlets had an annual net expenditure of £6.4m or £109 a head, the highest in the country, but still not enough to meet local needs. It had 1,000 children in care, and 700 people in homes for the elderly, many of whom were there because they had been discharged from hospital because of government policy.

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abinet group looks at grant aid

Peter Hennessy

Cabinet committee will in meetings next week that have a profound effect on level of services provided local authorities and the rises offered to their ployees.

nown, from its secret inet Office classification as SC 21, the committee will be ired by Mr William White- Home Secretary, when it venes on Thursday. After a ession of what could be tively hectic sessions, the mittee has to be ready by end of November to tell l authority treasurers of the l of rate support grant, and port support grant that be forthcoming in the 1981 financial year.

MISC 21 will be the forum which the Government will e to reach firm decisions its view of the pattern of lation over the next 12 to months, the pay ceilings it l seek to set as part of its ormal incomes policy for the public sector and the amount of local authority spending it feels it can afford while maintaining its wider economic strategy.

The tone of MISC 21 meetings is certain to be austere. Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced on Thursday that the Government will be withholding £200m from the November slice of the present rate support grant to curb local authority overspending.

The cut was agreed at a meeting of the Cabinet's E (economic strategy) committee last week presided over by the Prime Minister, from which it was clear that several ministers continue to regard local authority spending as the sieve that undoes the achievements of careful housekeeping within central government budgets.

There have been indications, too, that the E committee is thinking in terms of setting a cash limit to curb public sector pay rises of above 8 to 9 per cent.

The purpose of placing Mr Whitelaw in charge of MISC 21 is to provide a senior, respected and relatively neutral figure to act as umpire between the conflicting claims of the committee's three biggest spenders, Mr Heseltine, Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales.

Mr Whitelaw will also be required to curb any excessive zeal from the Treasury's enthusiastic economizers in Mr John Biffen, Chief Secretary, and Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Secretary.

Among others sitting on MISC 21 are Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, as rate support grant affects the level of personal social service provision, and Mr Norman Fowler, Minister for Transport, because the committee fixes the rate of the transport support grant. The membership is completed by Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade.

recordings

In brief

Jogger killed by van not lightning

Mr Derek Aitchison, aged 28, died after being struck by a van while jogging and not after being struck by lightning, it was stated at an inquest at Cheltenham yesterday. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

At first the police thought that Mr Aitchison, of Dark Lane, Swindon Village, near Cheltenham, had been struck by lightning in a thunderstorm last July, but a witness said he heard a bang and a screech of brakes, and saw a yellow van speed from the scene.

Local grants

From next year, local government will be responsible for giving grants to local voluntary building projects for the youth service and for village halls and community centres, Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced yesterday.

Murder charge

John Wallace, aged 37, of Dalloway Road, Arundel, an information officer with Arun District Council, West Sussex, was remanded in custody by Arundel magistrates yesterday, charged with murdering Mr Jonathan Lewis, aged 29, an antiques dealer of Brighton.

Man's arm sewn back

Mr Stephen Bambrough, aged 23, a furnaceman, was said to be in a satisfactory condition yesterday after surgeons at Sunderland General Hospital, Tyne and Wear, sewed back his severed right arm after an accident at work.

Cancer drug for boy

Samuel Creighton, aged two, of Carrickfergus, co Antrim, Northern Ireland, yesterday, became the youngest person in the United Kingdom to receive the cancer drug Interferon. His treatment will cost £15,000.

Jet safety check

Aldair, the airline whose Viscount aircraft ran out of fuel and crash-landed in a Devon field, has ordered its captains to check physically the aircraft's dipsticks before each flight.

PC foils escape

Police Constable Paul Temple plunged into the river Itchen, near Winchester, yesterday and swam across to capture one of two men who had escaped from a prison van.

Best woman

The best man at the wedding of Mr John Bennett and Miss Denise Lindley, at Barnsley today is to be the bride's sister, Margaret. The original best man backed down out of fear of making a speech.

Navy's new Exeter

HMS Exeter, the Navy's seventh Type 42 guided missile destroyer, and the fifth warship to bear the name, was commissioned at Portsmouth yesterday.

Train kills woman

Miss Hilary Suter, aged 22, of Park Lane, Reading, Berkshire, was killed at Reading station when she was struck by the Swansea to Paddington express yesterday.

Chief Scout to resign

Sir William Gladstone, the Chief Scout, aged 54, told the Scout Associations' conference in York last night that he would resign next year

Photograph by Malcolm C.

Demonstrators sprawling near the steps of Islington Town Hall yesterday in imitation of the victims of a nuclear blast.

Exercise in beating bomb starts with a protest

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The H-bomb was supposed to have dropped on Britain yesterday.

In jolly cricketing parlance, it was all part of "Exercise Square Leg", a military and civilian rehearsal of what to do when the bomb drops.

As far as could be ascertained, the only ordinary civilians who reacted as if London had been devastated were about 40 people outside Islington Town Hall, who fell to the ground moaning and shrieking realistically, while an onlooking policeman scratched his chin and a small dog went over to lick a face or two.

After two minutes, a man with a loud hailer said their symbolic death was over and they all stood up again. They were supporters of Islington's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Outside the town hall they had built, from old doors and sand-filled plastic bags, one of those lean-to, do-it-yourself shelters made famous by the instructions given in the government booklet *Protect and Survive*.

It must be emphasized that they were real protesters, because some of the people protesting during the past week were not. They were soldiers pretending to be protesters because the Army guess that protesting is one of the few peace-time occupations unlikely to be disrupted by the immediate prospect of nuclear war.

So, soldiers dressed as civilians went up to checkpoints shouting and waving banners. The idea was to give the soldiers in uniform a chance of learning how to handle protests in the few days of mounting tension before the holocaust.

Other soldiers, in civilian clothes, pretended to be saboteurs. One persuaded a milkman to lend him his white coat and hat and drove into a defended area in the milk-float, saying whatever is the grown-up equivalent of "bang-bang, you're dead".

Exactly what sort of vital installations would be protected by troops is being left to the imagination, because no one wishes to tell a potential enemy what they are. But people following closely their instructions in *Protect and Survive* will know that their local supermarkets will be as vital an installation as any.

There is certain to be a rush on food as people stock up for the fortnight they are supposed to stay in their home-made shelters. As there will be no time to introduce a rationing scheme, there will probably be some looting and some of my more candid contacts say looters could be shot.

The sub-regional controllers due to take charge of Britain's government after the attack will descend into their bunkers during the weekend and county wartime headquarters will also be manned for what is being called a paper exercise, talking to each other about what should be done now that the bomb is supposed to have dropped.

Then on Monday and Tuesday it will be assumed that 14 days have passed and thus will begin a task that has so far proved beyond recent peace-time governments — putting Britain on its feet again.

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Little common ground between the parties over political reform

Mr Paisley to fire first shot in Ulster talks

From Christopher Thomas
Belfast

The Government reopens talks with Northern Ireland's main politicians next week in the continuing search for a broadly acceptable formula for political reform.

It will be the second round of talks since the Government published its discussion paper on power devolution in July. In the coming weeks Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, will meet leaders of the four main parties, beginning on Monday with the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, at Stormont Castle.

The prospects of identifying large areas of common ground are not high. Mr Atkins apparently regards the establishment of an advisory council as his fallback position if all else fails. But even that might not be acceptable to all parties.

The Social Democratic and Labour Party, (SDLP) is far from impressed with the idea of an advisory body, and there are indications that Mr Paisley, too, would not find such a body acceptable.

Mr Paisley has prepared a long paper on how he views the way forward, which will be read to Mr Atkins. The Democratic Unionist Party sees scope for negotiations on the second of the two options suggested in the Government's discussion document, envisaging a majority-rule executive constrained by an influential second body composed of all the main political groupings.

The Official Ulster Unionists continue to cling to their belief that the Government will in the end abandon the quest for full devolution and opt for local government reform.

However, the Government would be reluctant to return substantial powers to local councils without elaborate means of protecting the interests of the Roman Catholic minority. Even with the minor powers that the 26 district councils have at present, there is occasional evidence of discrimination. Additionally, local government reform would not meet the Government's principal object of reestablishing full self-government with the exception of matters like defence and taxation.

The Alliance Party opposes the idea of local government reform, a position that is expected to be made clear in a policy statement over the weekend.

It is apparent that the Government is no longer optimistic about being able to present substantial proposals on political reform in the Queen's Speech in November. Nevertheless, the Prime Minister is said to be insisting that the search continues.

The position of the SDLP has hardened since the political initiative got under way in January. It advocates a conference between the governments of the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic on ways and means for Britain to disengage from Northern Ireland. It regards the present initiative as dead, and sees no hope of progress being achieved on the second of the two options.

The SDLP is continuing to improve its communications with the Dublin Government and a senior party officer, Mr Austin Currie, has taken charge of liaison.

Danger to patients seen in long hospital staff hours

Patients admitted to casualty departments of big teaching hospitals are in danger of wrong diagnosis or surgical error by exhausted medical staff, it was asserted yesterday.

Dr David Train, an environmental scientist and partner in a chemical engineering company told the British Pharmaceutical conference in Newcastle upon Tyne that nobody could work to consistently high standards given the rotas used and long hours routinely worked by nurses and junior doctors.

"In our medical teaching hospitals, patients and casualties already at hazard by ill health or injury, are subjected to extra risks which are neither reasonable or necessary," he said.

"The probabilities of a wrong diagnostic assessment by an overtired mind, or a surgical slip caused through dull muscular coordination, must increase rapidly when the limits of human endurance are reached repeatedly as a matter of routine.

In another address it was maintained that large quantities of harmful substances were being illegally imported and sold in Britain for use by hakims — traditional Asian healers.

Professor Arnold Beckett, vice-president of the Pharmaceutical Society, said that the hakims, catering to ancient healing beliefs and religious practice, were using substances containing anabolicsteroids.

Fishing vessel sinks after collision

From Our Correspondent
Stornoway

Four fishermen had a narrow escape yesterday when their Mallaig-based boat, Valiant, sank after being rammed by the Polish tanker Siarkopol (7,000 tons) off Skye.

The collision occurred off Neist Point, in the north-west of Skye, when they were heading for the fishing grounds.

The tanker, homeward bound to Gdansk with 10,000 tons of bulk sulphur, altered course, the fishermen claimed. The Valiant burst open in the collision. She sank within half an hour, which gave the crew time to launch a liferaft. They were picked up by the Polish vessel, and taken to Stornoway.

3,000 homes may be let for 5p a week

From a Staff Reporter
Belfast

Rents of 5p a week may be offered in Northern Ireland in an attempt to find occupants for 3,000 empty, undesirable houses.

The housing executive says the homes have been on its books for at least a year. Many are in areas that have been badly affected by the violence and some need repairs and modernization.

The executive said that the scheme would be a substantial saving on the cost of restoring the houses. One in seven houses in Northern Ireland is listed as unfit for human habitation. The estimated cost of bringing all housing up to standard is £500m.

Mr Whitelaw defends his 'shock' policy

Mr William Whitelaw the Home Secretary, yesterday defended his short, sharp shock policy for young offenders, saying that although it had been attacked much of the criticism was badly informed.

"It seems to us quite likely that for some young offenders what is needed is a brisk, tougher regime which will stop them in their traces and make them take stock of themselves."

Mr Whitelaw, winding up a conference at Lancaster University on crime and the community, said the courts must be given the freedom and range of alternatives they needed to do justice in passing sentence. The courts and the offender should be certain why a particular sentence was passed and what it would involve. The victims of crime should not be disregarded.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, chairman of the all-party Parliamentary Penal Affairs Committee, said the practice of remanding juveniles to prison typified society's hypocrisy in dealing with young offenders.

Mr Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk, told the conference, which was attended by magistrates, police officers and social workers: "We put our hands on our hearts saying we have a caring, civilized and compassionate society. But in practice we are still remanding several thousand young people every year to prison."

ompany to take ver pier in no rate' deal

om Our Correspondent
uthend

Southend pier was saved sterday only 12 days before was due to be closed.

Southend council announced at instead of shutting the er on September 1, it would low a private enterprise take- er on October 1.

The amusement catering firm Lecergnes will staff and anage the pier, without pay- g rates, to allow the council achieve a saving of £141,000 year. Mr Benjamin Marrion, hairman of the council's menities committee, said that he takeover was a temporary easure.

levedon project: Conserva- ionists are to be allowed to estore the Victorian pier at levedon, Avon, which could ost £1m (a correspondent rites from Clevedon). Wood- spring council, which has been refused government permission o demolish the structure, built 111 years ago, has given the pier trust a free five-year lease o restore the pier, which par- tially collapsed 10 years ago.

Vicar delayed burial over fees clash, mourners say

From Our Correspondent
Sheffield

A funeral near Rotherham, South Yorkshire, was delayed for 15 minutes when the vicar and an undertaker argued heatedly over the fee, it was alleged yesterday.

Mourners were said to have been kept waiting outside the church gates as the vicar demanded a cash payment before the burial of Norman Brooks, a steelworker who died aged 64, proceeded.

Relatives of the dead man are to protest to church authorities about the incident which is said to have happened when 50 mourners arrived at Kimberworth parish church near Rotherham after a service had been held earlier at Maltby, where the dead man had lived.

Mr Anthony Bartholomew, an undertaker, said the Vicar of Kimberworth, the Rev Harold Halford, presented him with a bill for £46, and an argument began.

Mr Bartholomew said he disagreed with the total, but eventually paid so Mr Brooks could be buried in the family grave.

One of the mourners, Mrs Jan Foster, said: "It was most thoughtless, heartless action."

The Bishop of Sheffield, the Right Rev David Lunn, was unavailable for comment but a member of his staff said he would investigate any complaint. Mr Halford refused to comment.

Cancer immunity warning

Immunization against cancer is as far off as ever, Dr Jonathan Howard, principal scientific officer at the Agricultural Research Council's Institute of Animal Physiology in Cambridge, said yesterday.

Speaking at the British Pharmaceutical Conference in Newcastle upon Tyne, he said that the conquest of smallpox, poliomyelitis and the expected defeat of rabies had been the golden age of immunology. He added, however, that 1980 might mark the end of that age.

"Immunology has a reputation for dramatic benefits, but how are we going to live up to it?" he said. "For some time immunolgy has been regarded as likely to provide a solution to the problem of cancer, but I am pessimistic."

Man accused in 'sex in sauna' case acquitted

Neil Wright, an estate agent, was cleared on all nine charges of unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl aged 15 on the direction of the judge at Durham Crown Court yesterday.

The decision came on the fifth day of th ecase which had been called the "sex in the sauna" trial.

Judge Hall made his direction after legal submissions in the absence of the jury.

When the jury returned he told them: "During that time I have been listening to arguments from learned counsel having regard to the situation at which we arrived when we adjourned on Thursday. I have come to the conclusion on the case as it stands now. It is my duty to intervene and direct you to return a verdict of not guilty."

Mr Wright, aged 39, a married man with two children, of Glenpath, Sunderland, had denied all the charges. The prosecution had alleged that he had seduced the girl in a sauna and then begun an affair with her.

But a director of the club which owns the sauna said it was no longer in use at the time the girl alleged sexual intercourse had taken place.

On Thursday, the jury had retired for a few minutes after the judge had asked them in the light of that evidence whether they wanted to hear any more of the case, which at that stage had reached the conclusion of the prosecution's evidence.

The jury returned to say that it did not want to hear any more of the case but, with Mr Wright on the verge of being acquitted, the foreman said that one of the jury wanted to proceed and the judge said the case had to go on.

But after legal submissions yesterday he made his decision to direct the jury to acquit Mr Wright

Mr Wright showed no emotion when the decision was announced, but shook hands with his detence counsel, Mr David Robson, QC. Then he joined his wife, Pamela, and the couple walked hand in hand from the court.

Mr Wright said later it had been "18 months of hell". He was awarded the costs of the trial but he estimates his legal costs will be about £10,000.

Pay deal blamed as rail fares rise 19%

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

Rail fares generally are to rise by an average 19 per cent on November 30, British Rail confirmed yesterday. But season ticket fares will rise by only 17 per cent, giving an overall average of 18.5 per cent after a rise of 20 per cent in January.

A public controversy arose last night between Mr Norman Fowler, the Minister of Transport, who blamed the rise largely on the 20 per cent pay deal earlier this year without corresponding productivity gains, and Mr Sidney Weighell, of the National Union of Railwaymen, who blamed it on the disastrous policies of the Government.

The extra £40m borrowing powers for British Rail approved by the Government this week simply bought breathing space. "Sooner or later the Government must accept the necessity of increased financial support for our vital rail services", Mr Weighell said.

Mr Fowler said that although the fare rise was partly due to the steel strike and the recession, it was also because the railways board had paid for productivity before it was delivered.

The board reacted sharply to Mr Fowler's remarks, pointing out that since the settlement in April, British Rail had shed 1,800 jobs and saved £8m.

Examples of the rise in second-class single fares from London are: to Birmingham from £8.75 to £10.30; to Bournemouth from £7.90 to £9.20; to Bristol from £8.85 to £10.70; to Cardiff from £11.20 to £13.50; to Edinburgh from £25.60 to £30.30; to Glasgow from £23.90 to £28; to Leeds from £14.50 to £17.60; to Liverpool from £14.80 to £17.30; to Manchester, from £14.80 to £17.30; to Newcastle upon Tyne from £21.50 to £25.80; and to Sheffield from £11.70 to £13.70.

A weekly season ticket from Slough goes up from £11.70 to £13.70; a monthly season to Southend from £61.90 to £72.20; and a yearly season from Brighton from £726 to £856.

The rises are expected to bring in an extra £140m a year.

Dearer transport in London from tomorrow

The minimum fare on London Underground will go up from 15p to 20p and on the buses from 10p to 12p tomorrow.

Those are part of an average 13½ per cent rise, the second this year, which is designed to bring London Transport an extra £11m this year and £46m in a full year.

Child fares will rise from 8p to 10p, suburban flat fares from 20p to 25p in peak time and 22p otherwise.

The 25p Underground fare will go up to 30p, and most higher fares will buy a shorter distance. The 20p Red Arrow fares are unchanged.

Fine paid for crash helmet-protester

Mr Frederick Hill, aged 71, of Hayes, London, who refuses to wear a crash helmet when riding his motor cycle, has been released from Pentonville prison, London, half way through his nineteenth sentence for refusing to pay fines. The balance was paid by supporters from the Motor Cycle Action Group.

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WEST EUROPE

Tanks roll through fragile Nato defences

From Henry Stanhope, Defence Correspondent
Hildesheim, Sept 19

Two "enemy" armoured divisions burst through Nato's fragile defences near here today, just as they were programmed to do in the exercise Crusader 80.

Nearly 400 tanks squeaked and groaned through the mist, supported by mechanized infantry, low-flying jet aircraft and heavy artillery, while a British task force commanded by Brigadier Brian Kenny of the First British Corps dutifully withdrew before the onslaught.

This was the first pitched battle in the exercise, the biggest involving British forces for 30 years. It was planned to test British troops with the kind of superiority they would face if war ever did break out between East and West in Europe.

Mr Francis Pym, the Defence Secretary, who joined British and Nato VIPs in the packed stands, praised the morals and professional skill of the British Army. A party of 40 members of both Houses of Parliament also arrived in time to watch the "enemy", the Fourth British Armoured and the Second American Armoured divisions break through the British lines.

Two Warsaw Pact observers, General Knyskov of the Soviet Union and Colonel Kriz of Czechoslovakia, were due to arrive here later today, together with a Yugoslav colonel, to watch the Allied counter-offensive

British forces here might need to defend themselves still more realistically tomorrow when an estimated 5,000 anti-war demonstrators are planning to march on the exercise headquarters at Tofrek barracks.

The demonstrators, said to include up to 500 militants, have threatened to invade the barracks.

The army is preparing for a siege by locking the camp gates at dawn. But West German police, who are arming themselves with watercannon and CS gas in case of serious rioting, will try to keep the demonstrators well away.

Mrs Thatcher and President Giscard d'Estaing at the press conference after their talks at the Elysée palace yesterday.

Thatcher call for reform of EEC farm policy

Continued from page 1

hope", she told journalists, "that the news you will take from this meeting is the common understanding and extent of agreement between us".

Similar agreement seemed to have been reached between her accompanying ministers and their French opposite numbers. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, met M René Monory, the Economy Minister, Sir Keith Joseph discussed industry with M André Giraud, the Industry Minister, and with M Joel le Theule, the Transport Minister. Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, had talks with M Jean François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, and Mr John Nott, the secretary of State for Trade, saw M Jean-François Deniau, the External Trade Minister.

At Bordeaux this evening, relieved of the constraints of a meeting where total agreement on everything had been deemed desirable Mrs Thatcher was able to speak more directly about her hopes for the future of Europe.

There was a need for reforms in the common agricultural policy because its distortions were causing dissatisfaction in both Britain and France.

"But this is not enough," she said. "We need new initiatives as well. We need policies outside agriculture which will develop the scope for common action and produce a better balance in the way the Community disposes its resources.

"We must do it without a further increase in the bureaucratic regulation by which nowadays we are all too tightly bound—whether at the Community level, the national level, or the level of local government."

This, she said, was the means to the end of a sound economic base from which it could "resume its rightful place as the master of its own destiny and an arbiter of world affairs. We must be strong if we are to defend our interests and to advance the case for order and the rule of law in a world where disorder and lawlessness are every day more widespread."

Mrs Thatcher thus sought to point out that France must be prepared to allow significant changes in the community structure if President Giscard d'Estaing's hopes for reestablishing Europe's place in the world were to be realized.

On defence Mrs Thatcher made an offer which she hopes France will not refuse. "Britain stands ready at any time to develop fuller and closer defence cooperation with France", she said. Collaboration in developing weapons systems was an important way to cut the cost.

Similar collaboration on the industrial front was also important and during the summit meeting discussions had taken place on technical collaboration.

There was no moderation in Mrs Thatcher's tone when it came to the Soviet Union which gave any indication that she believed in President Giscard d'Estaing's favoured détente. "There can be no confidence that the Russians will refrain from using their massive forces if not for an armed attack then as a means of political pressure on a weak and disunited Europe", she said.

Swedish fighters 'buzzed' Danish Queen's aircraft

Stockholm, Sept 19. — Two Swedish fighters intercepted an aircraft carrying Queen Margrethe of Denmark because of a radar fault, Swedish military officials said today. They added that an apology had been sent to Denmark for the incident which occurred on September 2.

The Queen was flying to Denmark's Baltic island of Bornholm in an aircraft under control of the traffic tower at Malmö in Sweden when a radar screen there "misplaced the Swedish border" and the royal aircraft was guided over Swedish territory.

Military radar operators then picked up an unidentified aircraft. Two jets were scrambled and the aircraft intercepted. "There were several misunderstandings and they were all Swedish," the officials said. "We have apologized to Denmark and we are investigating."

Anarchist gunmen attack Paris military college

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Sept 19

Three young men in masks sprayed the Ecole Militaire building here with machine gun fire early this morning, demonstrating that the anarchist Direct Action group is still in being despite recent arrests.

The bullets were aimed high up against walls of the building and nobody was injured. The police believe that the terrorists' intention was simply to publicize their continuing presence as a group.

The car in which the men escaped stopped briefly in the road beside the Ecole Militaire after the attack so that handfuls of leaflets could be dumped.

These denounced the "imperialist police state" and said "We have not forgotten the dead of Gafsa, Kolwezi, Mecca, Bangui and, more recently, Ajaccio, Noumea . . . It is the hour of Direct Action".

The places mentioned in the leaflet all refer to incidents when French troops were directly or indirectly involved in what the Direct Action group terms colonialist wars.

Today's attack coincides with the first appearance before the Court of State Security of two people arrested a week ago, who were said to be the last important leaders of the Direct Action group. Among the 20 or so raids for which Direct Action has so far claimed responsibility were a bazooka attack and another machine gun raid, both on government buildings.

The attack against the Ecole Militaire is the fifth by terrorists in France against a military establishment since the start of the year.

Call for new asbestos safety rules

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Sept 19

New Community regulations aimed at limiting the health hazards posed by the use of asbestos were proposed here today by the European Commission for consideration by environment ministers of the Nine.

Various diseases have been shown to be linked to exposure to asbestos, including lung fibrosis, mesothelliomas, and bronchial laryngeal and gastro-intestinal cancers.

Most member states have long had legislation limiting the exposure of workers and members of the general public to asbestos, but there are wide disparities in the scope of these controls and in the severity with which they are enforced.

The Commission's proposed directive would seek to standardize asbestos legislation throughout the EEC.

Among other things, the directive lays down strict rules for the regular sampling and analysis of asbestos fibres in the air at places of work, and requires strict observance of maximum concentration limits.

Belgians put off decision on missiles

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Sept 19

In a masterpiece of delphic diplomacy Belgium today promised faithfully to fulfil all its commitments as a Nato member, but left open whether or not 48 American cruise missiles would be installed on its soil.

Mr Wilfried Martens, the Prime Minister, declared: "There will perhaps be no installation of missiles in Belgium, or perhaps a controlled or limited installation. It is impossible to say now what Belgium's contribution will be".

A written statement issued after a Cabinet meeting appeared to make a final decision largely dependent on the outcome of talks due to begin next month between American and the Soviet Union on limiting theatre nuclear weapons in Europe.

Last December Belgium, along with its Nato allies, agreed in principle to the deployment of cruise missiles in Europe to counter Russian SS20 missiles. But Belgium then asked for time to make up its mind about accepting the 48 missiles allotted to it.

M Barre calms university anger

From Ian Murray
Paris, Sept 19

French universities are to be granted greater autonomy and a new system of finance, the university presidents learnt during a lunch this week with M. Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister. The meeting had been arranged because the universities had been profoundly dissatisfied by the announcement of a cutback in the number of courses that would be available for granting degrees.

This restructuring of degree courses had been worked out by Mme Alice Saunier-Sèite, the Minister for the Universities, who said at that time that the aim was to make degrees more universally acceptable, and to prevent diplomas being awarded for esoteric minority subjects which were of little use.

The university presidents claimed that these measures were endangering the system by ridding it of its richness and ability to innovate. They were also concerned lest young universities be deprived of the ability to create their own academic traditions.

By agreeing to meet the presidents together, with Mme. Saunier-Sèite, M Barre seems to have succeded in calming their anger, particularly since 72 of the 700 courses that had been pruned have now been restored to university curricula. Among these is that of a doctorate in engineering, the suppression of which had provoked the most anger.

M Barre made the most of the occasion, however, by explaining that he was forming a study group which would, over the next five years, work out a reformed method of financing the universities to allow them greater autonomy.

It would take into account the number of students, the buildings, the disciplines and research followed. From these basic statistics the university would then be granted an overall sum which it would be allowed to administer as it felt best suited to its needs.

M Barre said that the Government would not establish any hierarchy of courses between the different diplomas, which each university could create and which "I invite you all to create". In his view the financial reform would allow a great step forward in improving the life and results of the universities.

In the secondary schools the first of a series of strikes planned by six teaching organizations was variously followed throughout the country. Called by those organizations politically nearer to the Communist Party, the strikes are in protest at the reduction in the number of classes and teaching posts available now the school population is dropping.

The more Socialist-linked organizations have opposed the strikes as bad tactics. The strike call was answered therefore by between only 6 and 30 per cent of teaching staffs. Further strikes in different areas are planned for the days ahead.

Herr Schmidt is forced to shout campaign message

From Patricia Clough
Munich, Sept 19

Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, took his election campaign into the heart of Franz Josef Strauss country today and received a deafening chorus of whistles and chants from his opponent's supporters.

Large groups of young people, most of them apparently Christian Social Union supporters, joined the crowds in Munich's town hall square carrying banners with anti-Schmidt slogans. As soon as he started to speak they began a non-stop barrage of whistling trumpeting, singing and chanting.

It was the kind of reception usually faced by Herr Strauss, the opposition candidate for the chancellorship, from left wing extremists. He calls it "acoustic terrorism".

Herr Schmidt appeared rattled at first and also called them verbal terrorists and rowdies. "Those who will not let others speak are bad democrats", he shouted. But his aides around the platform began rubbing their hands figuratively at the gleeful realization that these disturbances would be televised.

PARLIAMENT, September 19, 1980

Demand for fishing policy by end of year

European Parliament
Strasbourg

Bearing in mind that the EEC Council of Ministers is due at a meeting on September 29 to consider the state of the fishing industry, two emergency resolutions were carried by Parliament calling on the Council to fulfil its undertaking to reach agreement on a common fisheries policy by December 30.

M Charles Josselin (France, Soc) said a Community agreement should at least cover the principle of equal access to resources and provide a non-discriminatory system for catch quotas which took into account the legitimate interests of coastal regions and historic rights.

Mr Robert Battesby (Humberside, Ed) said the situation was desperately urgent. Only 102 days were left in which to establish the CFP. Fishermen were finding it harder and harder to make a living. Competition from countries with lower oil prices had distorted the market.

The Commission's proposals on structure and resources could not be effective without a marketing policy. When would the Commission proposals on the marketing of fish be published? The industry had suffered long enough in the five year wait for a common policy.

Miss Joyce Quin (South Tyne and Wear, Soc) said the Commission's proposed quota allocations did not do justice to the United Kingdom. An allocation of 40 to 45 per cent of the catch would be reasonable. There needed to be some transnational element in any policing arrangements.

Mr Finn Gundelach, Vice President of the Commission with responsibilities for agriculture and fisheries, said the Commission endorsed Parliament's call for a Council decision before the end of the year. It must be part of the total political compromise entered into in May. The commission would do its utmost to ensure time limits were honoured.

Should this not be possible. The fishing industry would face difficulties even greater than those it faced now. There would be a new community crisis. He hoped that on September 29 the council would take some decisions including those on mesh sizes. The pout box issue would also have to be considered.

At the September council meeting, the Commission would also be presenting certain detailed and technical marketing proposals. The new rules operated by the Commission in relation to the entertainment and travel expenses of EEC Commissioners and particularly the stricter use of air taxis were approved in a resolution moved by Mr Brian Key (South Yorkshire, Soc) on behalf of the parliament's committee on budgetary control.

The resolution carried expects the EEC Court of Auditors to continue their checks on the expenses of the Commission.

The resolution on regional development discussed yesterday was carried.

MEP's also approved Commission proposals for establishing community methods of measuring fuel consumption and engine power of motor vehicles.

A resolution on an EEC Commission directive on the harmonization of insurance contract law, for which Mr Amedée Turner QC (Suffolk, Ed) was rapporteur, was carried.

This resolution welcomed the harmonization of insurance contract law as a step towards a common market in insurance in the EEC but considered the proposed directive should not be enacted until after the enactment of another directive on coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to direct insurances other than life insurance.

Subsequent enactment should seek only to harmonize insurance contract law to the extent that was strictly necessary in the light of the eventual shape of the other directive.

The resolution thought that the damages which the insurer could claim as a result of the policyholder's deceit should include not only the premiums due but also any other damages arising from the deceit.

A resolution condemning the persecution of members of the Bahai community in Iran was carried.

An emergency resolution was carried calling on the government's of the Nine to make urgent representation to the South Korean authorities to save the life of Mr Kim Dae Jung, leader of the Democratic opposition in South Korea, now under sentence of death. A further resolution demanded that the Council of Ministers, at its meeting in October, reach a decision on help for workers in the steel industry.

Mick Jagger to buy chateau in Loire Valley

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Sept 19

Mick Jagger, leader of the Rolling Stones rock group, is about to gather some moss—an exquisite seventeenth-century château in the Loire Valley called "Fourchette". He intends to use it as an occasional retreat in France.

Negotiations for the château are well advanced and a price of 2,200,000 francs (about £220,000) has been agreed. Formalities are expected to be completed by the end of next month.

The present owners of the property are the Richet family, one of whose recent ancestors, Charles Richet, won the Nobel prize for medicine in 1913.

Since 1934 Fourchette has been listed as an historical French monument, but it was known and appreciated as one of the jewels of the region two centuries earlier. The then Duchesse de Choiseul told a friend it was "charming" and added: "You will love it madly."

OVERSEAS

Soviet journal admits widespread fighting goes on in Afghanistan

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Sept 19

Anti-Government insurgents have spread death and destruction throughout Afghanistan, murdering and mutilating civilians, killing cattle and destroying villages, according to an unusually frank description of the guerrilla war in a Soviet weekly journal.

An account in *New Times*, which contrasts starkly with the optimistic stories of pacification and the restoration of normality put out by the official Afghan news agency, makes it clear that the fighting is widespread, bloody and brutal.

A Tass summary said that in Herat scores of small shops had been reduced to smouldering ruins. In Nimruz province mines had been planted in the water reservoir.

The main school in Nangarhar was marked by fire-scorched walls. Near Jalalabad guerrillas had herded cattle out of the state farm, trampled down crops, blown up main roads, destroyed villages, bridges and electric power lines and mutilated the dead bodies of women, children and old men.

"This is the style of the Afghan counter-revolution. Such are the realities of the undeclared war which was unleashed against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan by imperialist reaction, together with the Peking hegemonists", *New Times* commented.

It said that after large formations of "bandits" had been eliminated, gangs sent from abroad adopted new tactics. "The main stake is terror. The aim is to keep people constantly in fear. Subversive acts, explosions, arson are bound to paralyze economic activity. Repressions against workers and peasants, terrorist acts against party functionaries, politicians and teachers—all this is done to weaken the social basis of the revolution in the towns and countryside."

The journal said the guerrillas attacked with particular brutality everything that the revolution had brought to the people. "They set fire to the buildings of the agrarian reform boards, fire point blank at girl pupils whom the revolution sent to school, kill peasants who received land from the state . . . and this is being done by those who pose as champions of the purity of Islam."

New Times said the aims of the counter-revolution were to restore the old order "and plunge the country back into medieval darkness".

Afghan sources in Moscow, who returned from the Herat area a few days ago, confirmed that there is heavy fighting going on in the area. They said all main roads had now been cut and communications between cities were possible only by air.

British protest: Britain has protested to Afghanistan over the unusual surveillance of its diplomats and embassy in Kabul after the defection of a Soviet soldier, diplomatic sources said today (Reuter reports from Delhi).

The defector, one of an estimated 85,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan, walked into the American Embassy five days ago and requested political asylum in the United States.

Reputations suffer in US report on Iran

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Sept 19

The Washington Post claimed this morning that a secret report has been prepared by the State Department on relations between the United States and Iran since 1941.

The newspaper, which has not seen the report, says that it is very long, very detailed, contains no sensational revelations but reflects badly on the judgment and actions of every President from Roosevelt to Carter. It said that there are only two copies.

One is hidden in the State Department, where only two officials have access to it, and the other in the White House office of Mr Zbigniew Brzezinski, the President's National Security Adviser. The newspaper says that the report was compiled from the archives of the State and Defence Departments and those at the White House.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) refused to release its files but provided much information from them. *The Washington Post* also says that there are large gaps: many of the documents concerning President Carter's and Mr Brzezinski's roles were withheld, and so were documents concerning Presidents Nixon and Ford and Dr Henry Kissinger.

The report was commissioned immediately after the American hostages were seized in November, 1979. The President wanted a narrative of Iranian-American relations, from which the Americans could draw information for any international tribunal that might investigate the issue.

Such a body went to Iran in the spring, but abandoned its mission when its members were not allowed to visit the hostages. It never published its findings.

The idea behind a commission would be to satisfy the Iranian demand for an American apology for past misdeeds. The Americans have always refused to apologize.

President Carter said again yesterday: "The United States is not going to apologize. We have long said that there could be a legitimate forum provided for the Iranians, who consider themselves to be aggrieved in many ways, to present their case."

The Washington Post claims that the report is not designed for publication. Neither would it, by itself, satisfy the Iranian demand for an apology.

The newspaper quotes one of its anonymous sources as saying that it is not an admission of guilt, and "is not what they want. It would make them very mad."

A State Department spokesman commented: "this is not the Pentagon papers. There is no 'study' as such, only a collection of documents and factual summaries on past United States relations with Iran. This compilation did not focus on United States misdeeds, and no conclusions and judgments were derived. Essentially, it is an inventory and nothing more."

The newspaper says there is a 500-page overview and 50,000 pages of documents.

UK holds back from famine relief drive

From John Earle
Rome, Sept 19

Nine countries and the EEC announced in Rome today that they would substantially increase the level of their food aid to 26 African nations.

The announcement was made at an emergency meeting called by Mr Edouard Saouma, Director General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), to discuss the food crisis in black Africa. A spokesman said that the atmosphere was "positive and encouraging".

Britain was not among the nations which agreed to increase their aid. The spokesman said that Mr W. C. Birrell, of the Overseas Development Administration, told the meeting that the United Kingdom was unable to announce a new contribution at present.

The meeting was attended by 28 potential donor countries, together with representatives of international organizations. Mr Saouma told them that more than 150 million people in Africa south of the Sahara were facing abnormal food shortages, because of drought, natural disasters and problems of refugees and returnees.

"The present series of setbacks is confronting Africa with a crisis of major proportions", he said. About 550,000 tons of additional food aid was needed immediately, nearly half of it for Ethiopia and Somalia. In the 1980-81 year cereal aid needed to be nearly doubled, to 2.4 million tons from the 1.8 million provided in 1979-80.

The nine countries which announced new contributions were the United States, Algeria, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, Australia, West Germany, France and Holland. In addition the EEC representative said that the Community would substantially increase its food aid in 1981.

The United States, which by the end of its fiscal year on September 30 will have given 830,000 tons, said it would increase this in 1980-81 to 1,340,000 tons.

Grave situation: Mr Saouma, turning to the long-term outlook for food production, said: "The governments of Africa are well aware of the gravity of the situation.

"Under no circumstances can ever-increasing levels of international food aid serve as a substitute for an all-out attack on the weaknesses of the (African agricultural) sector."—Agence France-Presse.

Chairman Hua explains why he gave up post

Peking, Sept 19.—Chairman Hua Guofeng said today that he had resigned as Prime Minister because the Chinese leadership had decided that in recent history too much power had been concentrated in the hands of one man.

Mr Hua made this clear reference to Mao Tse-tung during a meeting in Peking with President Sandro Pertini of Italy. His remarks were reported to journalists by an Italian spokesman.

Mr Hua was quoted as saying that after the downfall of the "gang of four" extremist leaders in 1976 it had been necessary for him to retain concentrated power for a transitional period.

During a session of the National People's Congress (parliament) which ended last week Mr Hua and seven deputy prime ministers, including Mr Deng Xiaoping, resigned their state posts.

The New China news agency quoted Mr Hua as telling President Pertini, who is making a nine-day state visit to China, that Marshal Ye Jianying, the *de facto* head of state, had offered to resign many times because of his age but that the people and Government had refused to let him go because they held him in high esteem.

In a lengthy article, the *People's Daily* today criticized the personality cult and the way in which "only the emperor has the right to name his successor". Chairman Hua was appointed Prime Minister in April, 1976, before the death of Mao.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

Plight of Hungarians in Romania 'deteriorating'

By Gabriel Ronay

A former top Romanian Communist Party official, now in disgrace because of his protests against the enforced assimilation of the country's Hungarian minority, has written a new open letter to the Prime Minister claiming that the plight of Hungarians has deteriorated.

Mr Kiraly, a former Central Committee member of Hungarian extraction, was sent into internal exile and his life threatened after he first drew attention to the Romanian party's "institutionalized repression" of the Hungarian minority in Transylvania.

In his 1977 letter to Mr Ilie Verdet, then the secretary of the party's Executive Bureau, he listed job discrimination, suppression of Hungarian institutions of learning, dispersal of old Hungarian settlements and a forced change of the province's ethnic balance through a large, state-aided influx of Romanians.

Things have got worse since his initial protest, Mr Kiraly says in his latest letter to Mr Verdet, who is now the country's Prime Minister.

The "policy of enforced assimilation" is being carried out regardless of the promises made by Mr Verdet and other party leaders, the letter says.

The party's goal—the creation of a single, national state under communism—is being realized "as a consequence of total assimilation carried out by any means and at any price".

"The gap between the theory and practice" of the party's nationality policies was becoming even wider, the letter says. Far from granting the ethnic minorities their rights enshrined in the Constitution, the authorities sought their dispersal or destruction as living communities. Faced with the threat of forced assimilation, the smaller ethnic minorities of Transylvania have now voted with their feet and left the country.

"After having got rid of the Jews, we are proceeding in the most straightforward fashion towards the goal of getting rid of the Saxons and the Swabians. All that remains now is the problem of the Hungarians", the letter says.

The Nationality Council, created by the authorities, is a sham and does not represent the interests of the minorities, Mr Kiraly says in his review of the situation. No minority is allowed to enjoy "collective rights", which makes its aspiration to retain national identity impossible and hastens assimilation.

Romania is enjoying a monopoly position even in the regions inhabited by minorities.

For the Csango Hungarians, living on the eastern slopes of the Carpathians in Moldavia and isolated from their Transylvanian kin, "no form of education in their mother tongue is permitted", condemning them to rapid Romanization.

In conclusion, Mr Kiraly suggests that only a change of heart by the ruling Communist Party could avert disaster. And the best way to achieve this would be to turn Romania into a genuine multi-national state of equal peoples.

Commonwealth aid for Ugandan poll

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, Sept 19

A detailed programme for Uganda's general elections, the first to be held since independence in 1962, says voting will take place on December 10.

The programme, prepared by the Ugandan Electoral Commission and issued today, says the list of constituencies will be announced this weekend, and registration of voters will take place from September 29 to October 8.

After allowing time for objections to be decided the final voters' lists will be printed by November 22, to be followed by the nomination of candidates.

It was officially announced yesterday in Kampala, for the first time, that the original elections deadline of September 30 could not be met.

Mr Eunice Anyaoku, the Deputy Commonwealth Secretary-General, who has been visiting Uganda, said there today that Commonwealth governments would give substantial financial assistance to help meet the cost of the elections. The Commonwealth aid will help to provide stationery, ballot boxes and other needs.

Mr Anyaoku said he was impressed by the common desire in Uganda for the elections to be held freely and fairly. While in Uganda he met Mr Paulo Muwanga, the Military Commission chairman, members of the electoral commission, and leaders of the four political parties.

At a rally at Hoima, 150 miles north of Kampala, Dr Milton Obote, leader of the Uganda People's Congress, yesterday called on the other three parties to join in condemning the violence now taking place in Uganda.

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Spreading strikes in public transport keep Poland on boil

Jessa Trevisan
Sept 19

ic transport throughout lustrial region of Upper came to a virtual halt when bus drivers in towns joined the tram s who struck for higher in Katowice yesterday.

e are at least 16 strikes way in different parts land. Some have been to back wage demands, in protest against les placed by local offi- o the formation of inde- t trade unions.

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e changes to be proposed he forthcoming meeting e expected to follow these

Tadeusz Fiszbach, first secretary of Gdansk, in interview with Western alists, said that the party be "authentic" in order gain its credibility.

also said that since the es 300 members in the isk region had left the y because of disillusion- t with its policy. Though people had joined, he was o doubt that unless the y underwent a fundamental ge, the crisis would not be come.

ecentralization must not at the economy and the administration, he said. Regional party organizations expected to have a real voice in creating policy at the centre as well as more independence in carrying it out and adjusting it to their regions. "We need a new party," he declared.

Nevertheless there are pressures against such a trend and the complaints which the organizers of the independent unions have been making suggests that there is strong resistance to change among officials at local and regional levels.

Denunciations of alleged anti-socialist forces within the unions have multiplied. These provoked a strong protest today from the committee in Gdansk which accused officials in some regions of trying to intimidate people to prevent them joining the independent unions.

While the leadership keeps on insisting that it will honour the strike settlements, clearly the agreements are being sabotaged by lesser officials who feel that their positions are now threatened.

All sorts of obstacles, subtle and not so subtle, are placed in the way of the unions, all of which heightens suspicion and keeps up tension.

So far three million people have taken out membership of the new unions. But some organizations are weaker than others and it is the fear that the authorities may stop the movement from spreading further which has prompted the need for a national federation.

At their last meeting the union organizers agreed to register jointly as one national union and set up a committee to coordiate the activity of regional unions.

Yesterday after their first meeting the provisional committee issued a statement protesting that in many parts of the country local and regional authorities were sabotaging the agreement.

Secretary resigns: Mr Zdzislaw Grudzien has resigned his posts as first party secretary in Katowice and as Politburo member and he has been replaced by Mr Andrzej Zabinski, Polish television reported today. The report said Mr Grudzien had asked to be relieved of his duties and that his resignation had been accepted.—Agence France-Presse.

Army chief confirms Korea death sentence

From Jacqueline Reditt
Seoul, Sept 19

The death sentence on Mr Kim Dae Jung, the South Korean dissident leader, was confirmed today by General Lee Hui Song, the martial law commander and Army Chief of Staff, in the face of a deluge of international protests and pleas for clemency.

The martial law authorities were required to confirm, reduce or suspend the sentence within 10 days, the fact that it took them only two days to decide to confirm the sentence of death by hanging for Mr Kim and the prison sentences ranging from two to 20 years for his co-defendants, suggests that their chances of a reprieve are slim.

Capital punishment imposed on a civilian by a court martial in South Korea is automatically subject to appeals procedures and Mr Kim's case will now go to a higher military court, and if the appeal fails there, to the civilian Supreme Court.

Legal experts here are not yet sure how long this will take, but say it is unlikely that the military court will be convened before late October. The 23 defendants who were tried with Mr Kim on lesser charges can also appeal to a higher court within seven days.

There has been virtually no reaction within South Korea to the verdicts and it is unlikely that many people in the country are aware of the furore that the death sentence for Mr Kim has provoked overseas.

Press censorship has been rigidly enforced

The only reaction so far to foreign criticism came yesterday from Mr Lho Shin-Yong, the Foreign Minister, who told the Japanese and American ambassadors to South Korea that the Government considered Mr Kim's case a criminal one, that his trial was conducted in accordance with the South Korean laws, and that foreign countries should not take issue with it.

If Mr Kim's appeals to the higher courts fail his last chance of a reprieve will be to ask President Chun Doo Hwan for clemency. In that case President Chun will either have to risk world condemnation or loss of face at home by seeming to yield to foreign pressure.

Lieutenant-Colonel Arnaldo Tamayo Mendes (left), the Cuban who went into orbit on Thursday, with the flight commander, Colonel Yuri Rumanenko, a veteran Soviet cosmonaut.

14,000 Somalis were in battle, Ethiopia says

Warder, Ethiopia, Sept 19.—Four burnt-out Soviet-made T54 tanks stand as blackened sentinels at the scene of the latest Ethiopian-Somali battle in the disputed Ogaden desert.

All four were knocked out by bazookas, according to Ethiopian Army officers. Three of them lie in the thorn bushes which surround the town, but one almost reached the system of trenches which mark Warder's inner defences.

Colonel Getaneh Haile, the local Army commander, told reporters the battle for Warder started in late May and ended with a Somali defeat on July 17.

Ethiopia and Somalia fought a war over the ethnically Somali Ogaden in 1977-78 and there have been continuous skirmishes ever since involving regular troops from both sides and Somali guerrillas. Somalia has long claimed the region as part of what it calls Greater Somalia.

Colonel Getaneh used ammunition boxes as a desk when he briefed reporters and told them them the Somali troops used a 122mm cannon, multiple rocket launchers and heavy mortars as well as tanks in the fighting. Ethiopia called in its fighter bombers to hit the Somali infantry and artillery.

Ethiopia says 14,000 Somali troops took part in the battle which extended to other parts of the Ogaden, a region as big as Britain. Diplomatic sources in the capital, Addis Ababa, put the number at a third of this.

Arms captured during the fighting were on display in Warder. Somalia has had no regular arms suppliers since it broke ties with the Soviet Union at the height of the Ogaden war.

The diversity of the captured weapons suggested they had been bought on the open market. There were mines from France, radios from Britain, rockets from China, American-made jeeps from Pakistan and five practically unmarked armoured troop carriers from Italy.

Colonel Getaneh said there had been little fighting since July, but visiting journalists travelled in convoys with two armoured cars and an escort of troops with rifles and machine-guns.

Some of the journalists on this Ethiopian Government trip had previously been in the region covertly with guerrillas of the Western Somali Liberation Front, dismissed by Colonel Getaneh as camel-stealing bandits.

The centre of Warder, 90 miles from the border with Somalia, was bustling with nomads and traders, all officially described as "Somali-speaking Ethiopians".

The following day, 300 miles north of the garrison town of Dire Dawa eight captured Somali prisoners were put on show. Through an interpreter, seven said they were regular troops. The other said he belonged to a police paramilitary unit.

The most senior of the eight, Sergeant Abdullahi Muhammad of the Somali Fourth Army Division, said he was captured after his ammunition ran out in fighting west of Warder.

Colonel Worku Chernet, of Ethiopia, said the men would be exchanged for Ethiopian prisoners held in Somalia if the Mogadishu Government was willing to negotiate. All eight looked in good health.

Ethiopia says it captured 18 Somalis, one of them a lieutenant, in the latest bout of fighting. It says it killed 1,325 Somalis for the loss of 82 Ethiopian troops.

Colonel Worku said the recent United States-Somalia military agreement would prompt more invasions. Under the agreement the United States will have access to Somalia military bases in the Horn of Africa in return for aid.—Reuter.

Turkish tribunal sentences leftist terrorist to death

From Sinan Fisek
Ankara, Sept 19

The Martial Law Tribunal in the southern Turkish city of Adana today sentenced to death a left-wing terrorist accused of the murder of an army officer last Sunday.

However, the sentence on Seyhan Soyergin, was not passed for the murder of Captain Bulent Angin, but for the killing, just before the officer, of a worker belonging to a rival leftist faction.

The court ruled that the shots which killed the captain had been fired by another left-wing militant who had escaped.

Mr Soyergin, the court said, had "participated" in the murder of the officer. Another terrorist accused of participating in the incident, Ayhan Cansin for whom the prosecutor had sought a life sentence, was jailed for 11 years.

The court said that the lawyers of the two men could appeal against the decisions. If the death sentence is confirmed by the Military Court of Appeals, it will go to the five-man National Security Council (NSC) for approval in lieu of parliament which, before its abolition, had to pass a special law for a death sentence to be carried out.

What was not clear, however, was what would happen to the death sentances, sent to Parliament before last week's coup, on four other terrorists, two of them belong to the extreme right and two to the extreme left. One of the accused rightists escaped from jail several months ago.

The speed with which Mr Soyergin and Mr Cansin, accused of committing the first act of political violence since the military takeover, were tried and sentenced was interpreted as proof of the hard line the country's military rulers plan to adopt in dealing with political extremism. If Mr Soyergin hangs, he will be the first person to have been executed in Turkey since 1972.

In Izmir, in western Turkey, the prosecutor at the Martial Law Tribunal also asked for the death sentence for three leftists accused of murdering one person and wounding two policemen during a bank robbery last May. They were guilty, the prosecutor claimed, of "attempting to forcefully topple the existing order."

In Ankara, meanwhile, the National Security Council held its first official meeting today in the Parliament building. The meeting began with a speech by General Kenan Evren, the head of state,

Mafeking is relieved of mis-spelling

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg, Sept 19

After 94 years the historic South African town of Mafeking has been relieved of the mis-spelling of its name that has persisted since British missionaries reached what the local Tswana people called the "place of stones" and which, phonetically, was rendered as "Makikeng". Typically, the British mispronounced it.

The correct name was restored today when the town in South Africa's northern Cape Province was officially incorporated into the tongue-twisting Republic of Bophuthatswana.

Standing on the steps of the town hall of the town which etched its name into history for its resistance against a siege in what every British schoolboy calls the Boer war but which South Africans say was the Anglo-Boer war, Mr Pieter Botha, the South African Prime Minister, declared that the transfer of Mafikeng—its name from midnight tonight—to the independent sovereign state of Bophuthatsfana heralded a unique happening in South African history.

"Even in recent world politics it has no precedent", he declared. "This holds a lesson with far-reaching implications for the orderly and peaceful settlement of mutual disputes."

The incorporation of the town into the independent homeland of Bophuthatswana has considerable implications.

Although the white population is just over 6,000 it represents the first step by the Government to hand over important white settlements falling within or close to the homeland borders of the so-called "national states". There have been others, notably Port St John and Umtata in Transkei, but neither town had much economic significance.

Mafikeng is an important railway junction and is a prosperous light industrial centre as well as serving the agricultural community in the area.

During its historic siege most of its inhabitants were English speakers. But the Boers have taken over since and today the predominant language in the town is Afrikaans.

Nevertheless, the transfer of the town to a black-run state has been relatively painless. A year ago the South African Government feared it might have to spend about 15m rand (£9.33m) in compensating whites who would want to leave the town. But this figure has now been revised down to 3m rand.

This is attributed to assurances given to whites by Chief Lucas Mangope the Chief Minister of Bophuthatswana, and his Government.

On the town hall steps today Chief Mangope said the incorporation of Mafeking into the state of Bophuthatswana represented "the most telling vindication to date" of the homeland's independence.

Pitfalls at UN waiting for baron

By Michael Leapman
New York, Sept 19

Baron Rudiger von Wechmar West Germany, the new sident of the United Nations neral Assembly, is being en an early lesson in the rious sensitivity of his post. ew days after assuming the sidency he became em- hed in a dispute questioning impartiality o nthe Middle st.

It arose from a phrase he ed in his inaugural address to Assembly on Tuesday. While rdie most part as bland as ch speeches customarily are, of generalizations about ace and goodwill, he spoke ecifically about his hopes for comprehensive settlement the Middle East, based on curity Council Resolution

That is the resolution passed the wake of the 1967 war, hich called on Israel to with- aw from occupied territories. nce Israel has never accepted as meaning that it should ithdraw from all occupied rritories, the Arabs regard it a dead letter, superseded by veral more specific resolu- ons of the Council and the ssembly.

Baron von Wechmar: The Assembly's new president.

Dr Clovis Maksoud, the representative here of the Arab League, called a press conference to deliver what, in United Nations terms, was a fairly stern criticism of the new president's remark.

"We would like to register our initial disappointment", he said. "We would have hoped he would be more attuned to the international consensus."

At a later press conference, Baron von Wechmar admitted that his statement "may have sounded incomplete". He added: "The president is fully aware of the fact that there are a great number of resolutions dealing with the same matter".

In an attempt to make his peace with the Arabs, he emphasized his support for the June resolution of the European Community, which called for full self-determination for the Palestinians, and for the Palestine Liberation Organization to be associated with a settlement.

By deciding to make an issue of this, the Arabs are quite clearly flexing their muscles for action later in the session. Last July the assembly passed a resolution calling on Israel to withdraw from all the occupied territories, including East Jerusalem, by November 15.

Dr Maksoud said that, if that deadline is not met, the Arab states would seek sanctions against Israel, first in the Security Council and then, assuming an American veto there, in the General Assembly. He added that an attempt to have Israel expelled from the United Nations was "under active consideration".

Somoza murder suspect is killed in Paraguay

Asuncion, Sept 19.—Hugo Alfredo Irurzun of Argentina said to be a member of the People's Revolutionary Army and the suspected assassin of the former Nicaraguan dictator General Anastasio Somoza, was killed in a clash with Paraguayan security forces during the night, police announced today.

The clash took place in a district called Las Delicias about a mile from the centre of the capital and close to the border with Argentina, police said.

Señor Irurzun, also said to be known as "Captain Santiago", had been sought since General Somoza's death on Wednesday. unconfirmed reports said that other arrests had been made in connexion with the murder.

The former Nicaraguan leader, living in exile in Paraguay, was killed instantly in a sub-machine gun and bazooka attack on the car in which he was riding.—Agence France-Presse.

Florida funeral: General Somoza's body was flown to Miami today for funeral services and burial (UPI reports from Miami).

A DC 8 chartered by the Somoza family arrived at Miami from Asuncion. Only immediate members of the family were allowed to greet it. The coffin was taken in a white hearse to a Cuban-run funeral home

A-level answers end up in the rubbish bin

Colombo, Sept 19

A fireworks manufacturer who purchased a bag of waste paper yesterday found that it contained 400 uncorrected answer scripts of candidates who sat the Sri Lanka GCE Advanced-level examination

This is the latest in a series of scandals affecting the A-level examination on which admission to university is based. Mr Percy Nanayakara, Deputy Commissioner of Examinations, is on trial on four charges of alleged forgery and cheating

The announcement of admissions to the universities this year has been postponed indefinitely after the filing of a series of applications to the Supreme Court challenging criteria adopted by the University Grants Commission

Tokyo minister resigns in funds scandal

Tokyo, Sept 19.—Mr Kunikichi Saito, the Japanese Health and Welfare Minister, resigned today. He was one of the chief political advisers to Mr Zenko Suzuki, the Prime Minister.

Mr Saito yesterday admitted receiving more than 10m yen (£20,000) in political donations from a man who is accused of falsely diagnosing a number of women patients and practising medicine without a license. The 71-year-old politician also acknowledged that he had failed to report the receipt of 5m yen in September last year.

The law bars politicians and political organizations from receiving more than 1.5m yen (£3,000) a year in political contributions from an individual or a company.

Pakistan leader to visit Washington

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad, Sept 19

General Zia ul-Haq Pakistan's President and chief martial law administrator, is expected to visit Washington for talks with President Carter on October 3.

He will be addressing the session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on October 1 as the chief spokesman on the Islamic block. He received his mandate at the Islamabad meeting of the Islamic foreign ministers last May.

General Zia has said that he will be giving Islam's message of peace and love for mankind in his address to the General Assembly. "I shall not be speaking about wars and disputes but about Islam's message of peace."

According to informed sources here, during his talks with Mr Carter General Zia will discuss regional developments, the stalemated Afghan crisis and bilateral issues.

This will be General Zia's first meeting with President Carter since his rejection of an American offer of military and economic aid after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Officials here have refused to speak about General Zia's coming visit to Washington but it is considered likely that he will give Pakistan's view on the military situation in the region and impress on Mr Carter the need to check growing Soviet influence if South Asia is to be defended against communism.

Officials here do not expect any dramatic change in America's arms policy towards Pakistan at this stage, but they hope that after the November presidential election there may be better chances of reopening the issue.

US doctors hint at boycott of litigious patients

By Peter Brock

As an increasing number of aggrieved American patients take their doctors to court, doctors and hospitals in Los Angeles are becoming eager buyers of a computer list of patients who bring actions for malpractice. The list is marketed by a court-reporting service, according to the current issue of Medical News.

The service costs subscribers $296 (£120) a year and it also includes a list of doctors and hospitals who are defendants in malpractice actions in California and Hawaii.

But having identified litigious patients it follows that doctors and hospitals might refuse to treat them, which strikes at the heart of medicine and its oath of selflessness.

"Physicians may start not accepting difficult cases for fear of jeopardizing their careers", Dr Leroy Schwartz, a New York City child specialist, is quoted as saying in Medical World News.

The Hippocratic oath states, in a portion suitable for updating: "I will use treatment to help the sick according to my ability and judgment, but I will never use it to injure or wrong them."

However, after the sentence: "But in purity and in holiness I will guard my life and my art", it might be necessary to insert: "And from the income I derive therof I shall prudently invest such gold as is needed to protect me from the ungrateful and from my mistakes."

In fact, the insurance companies will see to it, otherwise they will refuse to cover physicians and surgeons against malpractice actions.

In 1978 it cost the medical insurers of New York state $48m to settle their cases. Last year the cost was $65m, a jump of 35 per cent. Meanwhile, Medical World News reports that the average claim during the same period increased from $20,431 to $25,901.

Which is why 18,000 doctors in the state have just started to pay heavier premiums—by up to 43 per cent more—to cover them for malpractice suits.

In New York City, family practitioners are now paying about $3,300 in malpractice premiums while "upstate" the cost is $1,855.

"Proportionately", the journal says "the high-risk, high-premium surgical specialities—which actuaries say have been paying more than their share—get low increases this time, only 17 per cent, but that raises them to as much as $28,653."

As a lawyer for the American Medical Association puts it: "The medical profession as a whole is entering a cycle of increases and crisis." An example of how oblique a crisis can he comes from Louisville, Kentucky.

A woman went to a doctor complaining of nausea and weakness. Whatever else the consultation involved, it did not include a test for pregnancy and the woman entered hospital for tests, including an intensive battery of diagnostic X-rays.

A month later, a gynaecologist discovered the woman was 10 weeks pregnant and he warned her that the radiation might have damaged the foetus. Eventually, she decided to have her pregnancy terminated.

The woman duly went to court suing the first doctor for the physical and mental suffering involved in ending a pregnancy. The jury decided that the doctor's oversight in not running a pregnancy test was not a substantial factor in the injury of which the woman complained.

But the Supreme Court in Kentucky decided that the jury had misinterpreted the law and that it was not a question of direct injury but whether the first doctor had started a chain of occurences leading to it—the toppling of the first domino.

The jury was told to fix appropriate damages. No figures are given but it is safe to assume that the doctor's colleagues did not rush to pay his court bills.

And some indication of the size of some awards against doctors is given by the Court of Appeal in California quashing a little compassion by the state legislature which allowed doctors to pay damages by instalments if the awards were above $50,000.

Medical reaction to the malpractice crises, as it is known, has been predictable. Fees are going up and the doctors are seeking a precise identification of patients who are likely to take them to court.

Princess drawn into poll argument in Australia

Canberra, Sept 19.—Princess Alexandra has been drawn into the already bitter campaign for the Australian general election on October 18.

Mr William Hayden, leader of the opposition Labour Party, today released letters between him and Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister, concerning the visit by the Princess, from September 28 to October 15, which coincides with the campaign.

Mr Fraser said he would have to take action to have the timing of the visit reconsidered if Mr Hayden could not give assurances by today that his party would not make the Princess and her tour the subject of attack and controversy.

This was a reference to a labour senator accused Mr Fraser of blatantly manipulating the Royal Family during an election campaign.

Mr Hayden replied that he believed that members of the Royal Family should not be in Australia during election campaigns if this could be avoided, and he was sure they felt the same. But he saw no reason to reconsider the arrangements unless it meant he was deprived of the use of an official BAC111 aircraft for his campaign.

Newspapers had earlier reported that the Princess would use such an aircraft but the Royal Australian Air Force has only two, one of which would be reserved for Mr Fraser. A spokesman for the royal visit organizers said the travel plans were under review.

Appointments Vacant

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Saturday Review

The whale that fell to earth

by Emlyn Williams

The fateful date, in 1935, was Saturday May 11. And my first premonition of it—though I could not then have recognized it as such, nobody could have—had come, oddly enough, on the first day of the year. I happened to leaf through an evening paper.

Star, January 1st THE SKY WHALE. We can at last announce that Britain's unique contribution to the modern world — the airship into which have been poured, during the three years of its creation, millions of pounds behind locked gates at RBAC (Royal British Air Centre) Nuneaton, is in the final stages of completion.

Last January there was conjecture as to why an obscure provincial scientist—R. S. F. Hotting—had become *Lord* Hotting. We can now reveal that he is the inventor of a new gas, the lightest known, much lighter than Hydrogen or Helium, and christened, by him, *Elaphrium*, from the Greek *elaphros*, light-in-weight.

For *Elaphrium* is the power behind the new dirigible, officially named the RB 100 (the initials standing, rightly, for "Royal British") but dubbed, by universal consent, the Sky Whale.

The first trial flight of our aeronautical miracle is planned for March. *Then the details*. . . . Over 1,000 feet long, keynote aluminium . . . the 7 engines carried on gondolas, the latest from Rolls-Royce . . . Using heavy oil, replacing petrol . . . Dining saloon to seat 100, two fire-proof smoking-rooms . . . An aluminium grand piano . . . Etc.

Sunday Times, March 31st FIRST TRIAL FLIGHT TRIUMPH. At the Nuneaton Air Centre, although the event had not been publicized, a crowd of over a hundred cheered as the monster dirigible sailed lightly into the blue, circled majestically, and returned. The Maiden Voyage is apparently planned for some time in May, destination undecided. . . .

Daily Mail, April 25th SKY WHALE SENSATION! On Saturday May 11, five days after Jubilee Day (the climax of the Silver Jubilee Year of King George V and Queen Mary) at Windsor Castle a dream will come true, namely a Jubilee Family Party, the climax to a week which underlines the solidity of the British Monarchy, including (as it will) the entire Royal Family.

The very special week-end will be inaugurated by a Celebration Luncheon held in the Waterloo Chamber, capable of seating 150. But—and this is the great news—the Luncheon will be preceded by a ceremony truly unique.

It will be recalled that we announced the maiden voyage of the *Sky Whale* for some time this month, from Croydon Aerodrome to Le Bourget. It may also be remembered that His Majesty the King has evinced a particular interest and pride in this feather in Britain's cap, possibly because our Sailor King was attracted by its being an *airship*. It is now official that the maiden voyage will start, on that very Saturday at 12 noon, from Windsor Great Park. The wafting into the air of the JSW (Jubilee Sky Whale, henceforth its unofficial name, inevitably) will be watched not only by a holiday crowd of several thousand cheering subjects, but by the Royal Family itself, from a grand-stand, specially erected.

But I wasn't paying much heed—too busy with my life in London. Like many other young people, at 25 all I felt for the King and Queen was absent-minded respect: "anyway isn't it all a bit behind the times?" And on Monday May 6, Jubilee Day, I'm afraid that neither I nor my two friends turned out for the processions or the fireworks.

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Saturday May the 11th

Sitting in our flat, we were having a late brunch, between eleven and noon, with the wireless playing patriotic light music. This faded out, and the announcer said something like: "We now take our listeners to Windsor Great Park for the great Maiden Voyage of the Jubilee Sky Whale." I thought of switching off, but we had trays on our laps and I couldn't be bothered.

Here are bits of the broadcast, from the full account in the next morning's *Times*. It went on and on, of course, with bursts of band music in between, and us only half listening. ". . . Brilliant sunshine . . . I wish listeners could behold the multi-coloured summer crowd, from the special guests crammed over every square foot of Castle Hill and overlooked by the gigantic silhouette of the Castle itself, to the general multitude roped off from the Long Walk leading south to the mammoth shape of the Sky Whale soaring above its gondolas and tethered to the mooring mast. . . .

"At the heart of the crowd, the vivid scarlet of the Guards Band; and near the airship and isplated at some distance from the spectators, the Royal Grandstand, gaily decorated in red, white and blue, makes a brave show as it stands empty and waiting in the sunshine. . . ."

(*Band Music, Rule Britannia*)

. . . "And here comes the Royal Procession, the first to appear being . . .", etc, etc, to prolonged bursts of cheering. "As they proceed slowly down the Long Walk—there are too many for me to enumerate from here—but they are all there, down to five-year-old Prince Paul of Kenilworth, toddling along holding his mother's hand."

Band Music, Land of Hope and Glory . . . "They have reached the towering airship, where the Captain waits to be presented . . . Then steps forward the Reverend S. T. Bridpath, one of the royal chaplains. He bows, walks slowly up the gangway, turns and opens a prayer-book, a signal to the multitude that he is about to perform the brief ceremony of dedication, unfortunately inaudible at this distance . . ."

The crowd certainly took the hint; throughout the broadcast it had provided a continuous murmur of background noise, but now all that died down quite quickly into silence. It was impressive, even to us. And we distinctly heard what was commented on next day: the twittering of a bird, a yard or two from the microphone.

". . . A moment of pride, and an impressive one . . . The royal procession turns and makes its way on to the grandstand, to such cheering as to make me wonder if listeners can hear me . . ."

Then a description of the technicalities of the launching, ropes, pulleys, wires, etc, then . . . "The Sky Whale moves! Slowly, gracefully . . . it rises! . . . The thousands who have waited so long, watch like children, with bated breath . . . The Sky Whale, as it wafts upward, veers—very slowly—as if feeling its way . . . As a last loyal gesture of farewell, it is now moving, still very slowly, directly over the royal grandstand, where every head is turned upward. A unique moment . . ."

Then, muffled but sharp, a clap of thunder. We all three looked up. I said, "But he said it was sunny—" From the wireless, the announcer's voice, an unrecognizable strangled cry, "Oh God, oh *God* . . ." Then a sort of great wind, which was the sound of agonized breath being expelled by thousands of throats. Then the same demented voice, "It can't have happened—God help us—God . . ." Another sob, which was cut abruptly off and turned into a faint hum: some man had had enough presence of mind to disconnect.

It was the hum of a silence such as you never heard before. We stared at the wireless set, as if something might spring out of it and attack. Then we continued to sit, staring from it to one another and back, for what seemed like a full minute. Then another voice rapped out, very unlike the smooth BBC intonations. "This is Broadcasting House, London, please stand by for emergency news, which should come through any minute now. Stand by . . ."

The same humming emptiness. We sat, still not daring to speak. At last—at last a voice, another man's. Breathless but controlled. "This is Broadcasting House. Word has just come through" — gasp — "officially . . ." A pause, and another tortured intake of breath. ". . . that the RB 100, known as the Jubilee Sky Whale . . . has been . . . by explosion and fire . . . has been instantaneously destroyed. While it is feared that there are many casualties in the front of the watching crowd, it seems more than a possibility that from the airship itself and from the grand-stand *on which it fell*, there may be . . . no survivors. There will be a further statement . . ."

A pause, then an indefinable sound. A sort of shudder, or a gulp, and after that, the same hum of silence. A nothingness, seeming as if it would last for ever. Then music crept in. Ghost music: somebody had pulled himself together and found the right record. The "Dead March" from *Saul*. Since then, the few times I've chanced to hear it, I jump up as if scalded and switch off. I know that a lot of other people do too.

The dirge crept around us, and into us. "The Royal Family? Isn't it all a bit behind the times . . .?" One after the other, the three of us staggered to our feet and . . . just stood. With heads bowed.

The wireless trailed into more sad music, and we sat again, still not saying a word. Then I turned it down, almost to nothing, which made us feel guilty. Mechanically, I got up and looked out of the open window. In the window opposite, an older couple stood looking at each other. Then he put his arms round her and they clung together. They were both crying.

I don't want to go on about it, and those of you who went through it won't want me to either; anyway, you'll find it all—as I have done—in Colindale Library. For those who need reminding, I'll quickly remind.

First, it was immediately confirmed that the victims had all—in a flash, literally—"*perished by instant incineration: all that remained was a twisted tangle of steel girders*". Next everything closed down—except for places of worship and essential services like food, post offices and public transport—for a week of mourning which included continuous funeral services with no funerals. Seven days during which people in black wandered along like dazed ghosts, not knowing where they were going. Some looked as if they had been physically beaten, others feebly rubbed their hands as they walked, as if from the cold. In the warm sunshine of mid-May.

I had read about mass hysteria bursting into violence—but this was mass apathy, from deep shock. Worse than if war had been declared, because about this . . . there was nothing to be done. A yawning pit. It was as if what had happened had proved, with a certainty that froze the blood, that the supernatural does exist; every single stranger in the streets seemed to have felt the cold wind of it. Shock.

So one particular symptom of that shock, one which seems extreme from this distance, was taken for granted: the churches, permanently open, were crowded far into the night with people sitting, kneeling or pacing, blank faces looking around as if searching for something, anything. Even the three of us queued outside the Brompton Oratory, our first visit to a London place of worship.

After a day or two, once the newspapers—bordered with black—had published tributes (endless photographs going back through the Great War to Queen Victoria, statements by President Roosevelt, President Lebrun, Herr Hitler, Signor Mussolini) the unprecedented situation came gradually into focus. I quote from a book published some time later, *Twentieth-Century World Disasters* by Maitland Price-Tenby, who devotes a whole chapter to The Great Holocaust:

> The first thought which chilled the whole British nation was that if the vast watching crowd had been allowed 200 yards nearer the airship, hundreds would have been annihilated; as it was, there were 47 deaths and many more hospital cases due to severe burns. Secondly, there flared up the monstrous questionmark — what had made possible an inferno which made the loss of two precious airships—the *Italia* seven years before, the *R101* five—sound like a couple of street accidents?
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> Then followed the equally inevitable answer: a crop of wild rumours which travelled with the speed of light. *Some* individual, *some*how, had insinuated himself into the Sky Whale, armed with a bomb—sabotage, by a foreign power. And that sparked off a score of detailed theories, each flimsier than the last. Two men had been overheard in a bar in Nuneaton, conversing in whispers in a foreign language; a steward had been seen to give a drunken stagger, brandishing a sheaf of bank-notes and, at the same time, smoking a cigarette which provided a clue to the tragedy in store; thirdly, a spy had acquired a false passport, enrolled in the Air Force and landed a job as a member of the airship crew.
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> And if none of that was tenable, somehow there *must* have been negligence, and for weeks a commission sat sifting the evidence—or rather the non-evidence. Scores of people came under suspicion and were interrogated, from Lord Hotting, the inventor of the new gas *Elaphrium* (there was even talk of stripping him of his title), to the humblest cabin-boy, and there were filed no fewer than 22 libel actions, all of which were won by the litigants.
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> For the simple and appalling reason that there was no proof. Of *anything*—either of a plot, or of an accident. "*All that remained was a twisted tangle of steel girders*". . . . The Sky Whale Disaster was never to be explained, and will stand—till the end of time—as the greatest mystery of the twentieth century.

Nothing to do but mourn.

But where to go from there? For it next dawned on the British people that the proud announcement that the whole Royal Family would be gathered at Windsor Castle for a celebration had meant what it said: *the whole Royal Family*. Right down to little Prince Paul of Kenilworth, the 27th in succession.

But it was when the newspapers came out with phrases like "How long is the Royal Standard at Buckingham Palace to stay at half-mast?—The World Waits—What Next? A Republic?—" that the nation, except for the left-wing minority, panicked as it faced an unprecedented situation. For the first time since the Protectorate of the commoner Oliver Cromwell, the throne was vacant and in danger. *Le Roi est Mort, où est le Roi?*

Once again the rumours chased one another with regularity, many of them—at this distance—fairly absurd. *The Daily Telegraph*: "In view of the Great War (of dreadful memory) against Germany, we can only hope that a certain Teutonic widow, the head of a minor principality and a great-great-niece of Queen Victoria, many times removed, is not up for consideration. It is an historical fact that it was Victoria herself who, hearing that her grandson was to be christened George, complained to her ministers that the family, as we look back, could have done without that Hanoverian blood!" She could also have reminded them that on George the First's accession, he could neither speak nor write English, and was forced to communicate in 'pidgin Latin.'"

The *Daily Mail* put on a straight face when it announced that "it is unlikely that the London visit of the Gräfin Sophia Lischmann-Freisonne of Luxembourg has any special diplomatic significance. The lady is here to visit her dentist."

And so it went on, for an endless succession of 31 days and nights: nearly five weeks. Halfway through the second of those weeks, the Archbishop of Canterbury hit the headlines with a sermon carrying the stern warning that "the Ship of State is drifting dangerously, nearer and nearer, to uncharted rocks". During the third, one ominous word was quoted more than once, with a question-mark: *Communism?* Halfway through the fourth, there came a fairly unprecedented phenomenon: a demonstration outside the Houses of Parliament, 20,000 strong, waving banners: Give us an idea, tell us something! Early in the fifth week, on the evening of the thirty-first day. . . .

It was Tuesday, June the 11th, 1935. I heard a knock at the door. "It's the Police."

I was young, living in London, and my conscience was not crystal clear. My heart gave a thump. What was I in for?

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TOMORROW, SUNDAY 21st, AT 7.30 p.m.
Nrityanjali exposition of Indian dance. This year's only appearance of Rati Kartikeyan at Sadler's Wells Theatre. Tickets price £5, £4, £3, £2, £1 from box office. Proceeds to St. James and St. Vedast School Building Fund.
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Tonight 20 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	MUSIC GROUP OF LONDON £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1. A British Airways Concert/1980/81 Composers' Series	Hugh Bean violin, Eileen Croxford cello, David Parkhouse piano. Beethoven: Piano Trio in G Op 1 No 2; Mendelssohn: Piano Trio in C minor; Dvorak: Piano Trio in E minor Op 90 "Dumky".
Tomorrow 21 Sept. 3.30 p.m.	RONALD SMITH piano £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1 Helen Anderson	Beethoven: Sonata Op 57 "Appassionata"; Chopin: Mazurkas, 12 Etudes Op 10; Liszt: Sonata in B minor. (Please note change of artist and progr.)
Tomorrow 21 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	JAKOB LINDBERG lute and baroque guitar £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1	Baroque Music for lute and guitar works by Gaspar Sanz, Ennemond Gaultier, J. S. Bach and others.
Monday 22 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	International Young Concert Artists Competition of Royal Tunbridge Wells Prizewinners' Concert £2.80, £2.00, £1.50, 80p	Douglas Boyd oboe, Jose Feghali piano, Anssi Karttunen cello, Patricia Rozario sop., Tuija Hakkila best accompanist. Music by Bach, Chopin, Debussy, Dutilleux, Paganini, Prokofiev, Schubert, Schumann & Wolf. IYCAC 80
Tuesday 23 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	VICTORIA DE LOS ANGELES soprano GEOFFREY PARSONS piano £5.50, £4.50 (only) Dido Senger	Thirtieth Anniversary Recital. Programme includes Spanish and French songs by Rossini, Schumann, Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Garcia Lorca
Wednesday 24 Sept. 6.15 p.m.	JOHN WARRACK Pre-Concert Talk 80p unreserved. Free to subscribers to the series.	John Warrack will give an introductory talk on Beethoven's Contemporaries.
Wednesday 24 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	Beethoven's Contemporaries 1st of 7 NASH ENSEMBLE £5.00, £2.40, £1.80, £1.20 Amelia Freedman	Krommer: Partita Op 79 for wind octet and double bass. Hoffmann: Quintet for harp and string quartet. Schubert: Octet in F D803
Thursday 25 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	RALPH HOLMES violin RICHARD BURNETT fortepiano £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1 Jane Gray	Hummel: Sonata in D; Beethoven: Sonata in C minor Op 30 No 2; Schubert: Sonatina in D Op 137 No 1; Schumann: Sonata in A minor Op 105.
Friday 26 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	SUSAN BAKER Fiddles and Follies ANTHONY SAUNDERS piano £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1.00	The story of the violin with music from 1620 to 1920 on baroque and modern violins, kit, Stroh violin, viola d'amore, phonofiddle etc.
Saturday 27 Sept. 3.30 p.m.	ANA MARIA TRENCHI DE BOTTAZZI piano £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1 Choveaux Management	Bach-Liszt: Prelude and Fugue in A minor; Clementi: Sonata in B flat major, Op. 47, No. 2; Chopin: Sonata in B flat minor, Op. 35; Fuchs: Improvisation on 4 notes; Mennin: Prelude & Toccata; Liszt: 6 grand studies after Paganini.
Saturday 27 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	INGER SODERGREN £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1 1980/81 Composers' Series	Brahms: 2 Rhapsodies, Op. 79, 6 piano Pieces, Op. 118; Grieg: 6 Lyric pieces, Op. 43; Beethoven: Sonata, Op. 57 "Appassionata"
Sunday 28 Sept. 3.30 p.m.	KIMIYO TAKEYA, violin MATTHEW JAMPOL, guitar £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1	Paganini: Sonata in D, Sonata in G; Stanford: 3 Serenades; Jampol: Dance 1, Dance 2; Kreisler: Recitative-Scherzo Caprice; Albeniz: Asturias; Ibert: Entr'acte; Diabelli: Pot-Pourri; Kreisler/Paganini: La Clochette (arr. Jampol).
Sunday 28 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	EARLY MUSIC CENTRE FESTIVAL THE ENGLISH CONCERT Dir. TREVOR PINNOCK £3.50, £3, £2.20, £1.50	Stephen Preston, traverse flute. Simon Standage, violin. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 5; Mozart: Eine Kleine Nachtmusik; Vivaldi: Concerto for strings in G minor; C. P. E. Bach: Concerto for flute in A minor
Monday 29 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	NEW LONDON CONSORT Dir. PHILIP PICKETT £3.50, £3, £2.20, £1.50 Early Music Centre Fest.	Italian 14th and early 15th century music by Landini, Paolo da Firenze, Ciconia and Bartolino da Padova.
Tuesday 30 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	WIELAND KUIJKEN, Viola da gamba COLIN TILNEY, Harpsichord	Virtuoso gamba and harpsichord music by Ortiz, Simpson, Marais, Forqueray and J. S. Bach. £3.50, £3.00, £2.20, £1.50 Early Music Centre Festival
Wednesday 1 October 7.30 p.m.	PAUL O'DETTE and CHRISTOPHER WILSON, Lutes. £3.50, £3, £2.20, £1.50 Early Music Centre Fest.	Italian and English renaissance lute solos and duets. Music by Francesco da Milano, Terzi, Dalza, Ferrabosco, Danyel and Johnson.
Thursday 2 October 7.30 p.m.	MUSICA ANTIQUA of COLOGNE Dir. REINHARD GOEBEL £3.50, £3, £2.20, £1.50 Early Music Centre Fest.	Music by Pachelbel, Buxtehude, Reincken, Rosenmuller, Biber and Schmelzer.
Friday 3 October 7.30 p.m.	MUSICA ANTIQUA of LONDON Dir. PHILIP THORBY £3.50, £3, £2.20, £1.50	Music in Italy in 1500. Music by Josquin, Isaac, Tromboncino, Cara and Millias. Early Music Centre Festival.

WIGMORE HALL   TOMORROW at 3.30 p.m.

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piano
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Please note change of artist and programme
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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

Today 20 Sept 7.30 p.m.	RAVI SHANKAR (sitar), Alla Rakha (tabla) & tanpura accompaniment. An evening of Indian classical music to celebrate Ravi Shankar's 60th birthday. (Latecomers will not be admitted until the interval.) £2.00, £3.50, £5.00, £7.50, £10.00 ONLY. Basil Douglas Ltd.
Sunday 21 Sept 7.30 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Walter Weller (conductor); Ken Noda (piano); Elly Ameling (soprano). Beethoven Overture, Leonore No. 3; Piano Concerto No. 5; Mahler Symphony No. 4. £2.00, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00, £7.00 RPO Ltd.
Monday 22 Sept 8 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Yevgeny Svetlanov (conductor). Bruckner Symphony No. 8. (There will be no interval during this performance) £1.60, £2.40, £3.30, £4.20, £5.00, £6.00 LSO Ltd
Tuesday 23 Sept 8 p.m.	In the presence of His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Sir Georg Solti (conductor), Maurizio Pollini (piano). Bartok Dance Suite; Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4; Brahms Symphony No. 2. £4.00, £5.00 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) LPO Ltd
Wednesday 24 Sept 5.55 p.m.	BACH ORGAN FESTIVAL Nicholas Danby. Bach Prelude & Fugue, BWV 531; 4 Ch Prels: BWV 730, 731, 727 & 729; Prelude & Fugue, BWV 534; 3 Ch Prels: BWV 700, 710 & 737; Fugue in G minor, BWV 578; Prelude & Fugue BWV 532. £1.20 Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday 24 Sept 8 p.m.	ORCHESTRE DE PARIS Daniel Barenboim (conductor/piano). Mozart Piano Concerto in B flat, K.595; Mahler Symphony No. 5. £5.50, £7.00, £8.50, £10.00 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) Harold Holt Ltd.
Thursday 25 Sept 8 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Riccardo Muti (conductor), James Galway (flute). Mozart Symphony No. 31 (Paris); Flute Concerto in D, K 314; Schubert Symphony No. 9 (Great). ALL SEATS SOLD Philharmonia Ltd
Fri 26 Sept 8 p.m. Sun 28 3.15 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Yevgeny Svetlanov (cond.) Gwyneth Jones (sop.). Wagner Ov & Prelude to Act III Die Meistersinger; Preludes to Acts I & III, Lohengrin; Prelude & Liebestod, Tristan; Ov & Dich teure Halle, Tannhäuser; Forest Murmurs; Ride of the Valkyries. £1.60, £2.40, £3.30, £4.20, £5.00, £6.00 LSO Ltd
Saturday 27 Sept. 8 p.m.	AN EVENING IN VIENNA BBC Concert Orchestra. Heinz Geese (conductor), Elizabeth Harwood, John Brecknock, Ambrosian Singers. Presented by David Jacobs. Popular melodies from the world's romantic capital. £1.60, £2.40, £3.30, £4.20, £5.00, £6.00 Royal Festival Hall
Sunday 28 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Riccardo Muti (conductor), Yehudi Menuhin (violin). Ligeti Ramifications for string orchestra; Brahms Violin Concerto; Schumann Symphony No. 3 (Rhenish). £2.00, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00, £7.00 Philharmonia Ltd.
Monday 29 Sept. 8 p.m.	AN EVENING WITH JUDY COLLINS £2.00, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £5.50, £6.00 John Martin Productions Ltd.
Tuesday 30 Sept. 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Walter Weller (conductor), Janet Baker (mezzo-soprano). Strauss Tod und Verklärung; Ravel Shéhérazade; Beethoven Symphony No. 3 (Eroica). £2.00, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00, £7.00 RPO Ltd
Wednesday 1 October 5.55 p.m.	BACH ORGAN FESTIVAL Wolfgang Rübsam. Bach Conc No. 3 in C, BWV 594 (after Johann Ernst); Aria in F, BWV 587 (after Couperin); Trio Sonata No. 3 in D minor, BWV 527; 4 Chorale Preludes: BWV 651, 653, 655 & 654; Passacaglia & Fugue in C minor, BWV 582. £1.20 Royal Festival Hall
Thursday 2 October 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Walter Weller (conductor), Mayumi Fujikawa (violin). Mozart Violin Concerto in D, K. 218; Bruckner Symphony No. 7. £1.60, £2.40, £3.30, £4.20, £5.00, £6.00 RPO Ltd.
Friday 3 October 8 p.m.	MAURIZIO POLLINI (piano). Chopin 24 Preludes, Op. 28; Debussy 6 Preludes from Book 1: Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10; Stravinsky 3 Movements from Petrushka. £1.50, £2.00, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00 Harrison Parrott Ltd.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Today 20 Sept 7.45 p.m.	JOHN BATE CHOIR & ORCHESTRA John Bate (cond.), Kathryn Harries (sop), Sally Present (mezzo). Victoria Mass: O Magnum Mysterium; Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 2; Williamson Symphony for Voices; Vivaldi Gloria. £1.00, £1.60, £2.10, £2.70, £3.20 John Bate Choir
Sunday 21 Sept. 3 p.m.	ANDRAS SCHIFF (piano). Schubert Sonata in B, D.575; Schumann Davidsbündlertänze, Op. 6; Chopin Fourteen Waltzes. £1.00, £1.50, £2.00, £2.50 Harrison Parrott Ltd.
Sunday 21 Sept 7.15 p.m.	LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA Marcus Dods (conductor), Jack Brymer (clarinet). Mozart Overture, The Marriage of Figaro; Eine kleine Nachtmusik; Clarinet Concerto; Overture, Don Giovanni; Symphony No. 40. £4.00, £4.50 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) Raymond Gubbay Ltd
Monday 22 Sept 7.45 p.m.	WREN ORCHESTRA Howard Snell (conductor), André Bernard (trumpet). Haydn Symphony No. 103 (Drum Roll); Telemann Trumpet Concerto in D; Haydn Trumpet Concerto in E flat; Mozart Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter). £1.00, £1.60, £2.10, £2.70, £3.20 Wren Orchestra Ltd.
Tuesday 23 Sept 7.45 p.m.	EUGEN INDJIC (piano). Beethoven Sonata in F, Op. 10 No. 2; Schumann Carnaval; Stravinsky 3 Movements from Petrushka; Chopin 3 Mazurkas: in C sharp minor, Op. 41 No. 1; in B flat minor, Op. 24 No. 4; in F sharp minor, Op. 59 No. 3 (pl m cho of prog). £1, £1.50, £2, £2.50, £2.80 Basil Douglas Ltd.
Wednesday 24 Sept 7.45 p.m.	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Sir Alexander Gibson (conductor), Anne-Sophie Mutter (violin). Dvorak Czech Suite; Mozart Violin Concerto in D, K.218; Brahms Serenade No. 1. £1.60, £2.60, £3.50, £4.40, £5.00 ECO Music Soc Ltd.
Thursday 25 Sept 7.45 p.m.	EARL WILD (piano). Franck Prelude Chorale & Fugue; Mozart Sonata in F, K.332; Schumann Etudes Symphoniques; Ravel Gaspard de la Nuit; Wagner/Moszkowski Isoldens Tod; Wagner/Brassin Der Ritt der Walküren. £1.00, £1.50, £2.00, £2.30, £2.80 Dido Senger
Friday 26 Sept 7.45 p.m.	AN EVENING WITH RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN Patricia Cope, Susan Tyrrell, Terry Jenkins, John Lawrenson, Oriana Choir, London City Orch., Peter Murray (cond.). Carousel, State Fair, The King & I, South Pacific, The Sound of Music, Oklahoma! etc. £2.10, £2.90, £3.70, £4.50, £5.50 World of Gilbert & Sullivan
Saturday 27 Sept. 7.45 p.m.	RICHARD HICKOX SINGERS, City of London Sinfonia. Richard Hickox (conductor). Purcell My Heart is Inditing; Bach Cantata No. 4: Christ lag in Todesbanden; Handel Dixit Dominus. £1.50, £2.30, £3.00, £3.70, £4.50 Richard Hickox Singers & Orch.
Sunday 28 Sept. 3 p.m.	LYNN HARRELL (cello), VLADIMIR ASHKENAZY (piano). Schumann Fantasiestücke Op 73; Brahms Sonata in E minor, Op. 38; Schumann Adagio and Allegro in A flat, Op. 70; Brahms Sonata in F, Op. 99. £1.80, £2.80, £3.70, £4.60, £5.50 Harrison Parrott Ltd
Sunday 28 Sept. 7.15 p.m.	WILLIAM BYRD CHOIR, Gavin Turner (dir.), New London Consort, Philip Pickett (dir.), David Roblou (org.). Music of Rome & Venice: Prog I: Palestrina, Frescobaldi, Soriano, Giovanni Gabrieli, Monteverdi & Andrea Gabrieli. £1.00, £2.00, £2.50, £3.00, £3.50 Ebns Concerts
Monday 29 Sept. 7.45 p.m.	NORTHERN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, N. Smith (cond.), C. Underwood (bar.). Boyce Symphony No. 4; Marco Pallis Nocturne de l'Ephemere: Song Cycle depicting the life of a Mayfly (1st perf.); Finzi Let Us Garlands Bring; Handel/Beecham The Faithful Shepherd. £1.00, £1.50, £2.00, £2.50, £3.00 Jane Gray
Tuesday 30 Sept. 7.45 p.m.	FIRES OF LONDON, J. Carewe & P. Maxwell Davies (conds.), M. Thomas (sop.). Maxwell Davies Dances from The 2 Fiddlers; Hymn to St. Magnus; McGuire Euphoria, a sense of well being (1st. Lond. perf.); Schoenberg/Webern Kammersymphonie. £1.25, £1.50, £2.00, £2.50, £2.80 Fires of London
Wednesday 1 October 7.45 p.m.	LONDON SINFONIETTA VOICES, William Brooks (cond.). The American Experimental Tradition. Works by James Fulkerson, Ives, Anthony Philip Heinrich, Arthur Farwell, William Billings, Cage & Neely Bruce (1st perf.), 1st. Brit. perf. £1.00, £1.70, £2.40, £2.90, £3.50 Sinfonietta Productions Ltd.
Thursday 2 October 7.45 p.m.	ROBERTO SZIDON (piano). Chopin Sonata in B minor, Op. 58; Rachmaninov Sonata No. 2 in B flat minor, Op. 36 (revised version); de Falla Fantasia Baetica; Ronaldo Miranda Prologue, Discourse & Reflection; Villa Lobos Rudepoema. 80p, £1.20, £1.60, £2.00 Wilfrid Van Wyck
Friday 3 October 7.45 p.m.	GERAINT JONES ORCHESTRA, Geraint Jones (cond.), Mitsuko Shirai (sop.), Hartmut Holl (pno.), Winifred Roberts (vln.). Mozart Divertimento in F, K. 138; Ch'io mi scordi di te; Violin Conc in G, K. 216; Non più tutto ascoltai; Piano Conc in B flat, K. 456. £2.00, £2.50, £3.00 Kreisman Concert Society Ltd.

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Sunday 21 Sept. 2.45 p.m.	MUSIC FOR MONARCH & MARINER. Michael & Doreen Muskett present a concert of popular music for dance & song of the time of Queen Elizabeth I, to celebrate Drake's voyage round the world. Spinet, crumhorns, gittern, recorders, flute & bagpipes. £1.50, £2.00 (ONLY) Early Music Duo
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THEATRES

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Conductor: WOLFGANG SAWALLISCH
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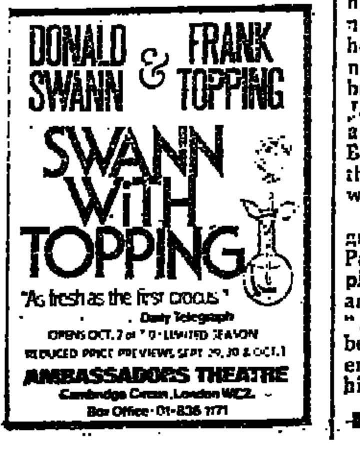

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THE ARTS

Frances de la Tour: the right cards

This looks like being a strong autumn for Frances de la Tour; on Wednesday ATV started transmitting *Flickers*, a series of six hour-long plays about the early days of silent British pictures in which she co-stars with Bob Hoskins, and next Tuesday she opens at the Duke of York's in her first starring role in the West End. The play that has brought her somewhat belatedly to commercial theatre stardom is *Duet for One*, written for her by her husband Tom Kempinski and first seen earlier this year at the Bush in West London to widespread press acclaim; it is the one about the crippled violinist and the psychiatrist (equally superbly played by the only other member of the cast, David de Keyser) who tries to hold her back from the brink of suicide, and it represents Miss de la Tour some light years away from the jokiness of *Flickers*:

"Television for me has always seemed to mean comedy, though I don't actually mind that so long as I can get serious work in the theatre. The only time I didn't object to being hailed in the street as Miss Jones" (from the long-running ITV *Rising Damp*) "was when I was on my way to play *Hamlet* at the Half Moon.

"But *Flickers* does have moments of real drama, and thanks to Bob Hoskins and the author, Roy Clark, I am at last being allowed to play sexy. It's the story of a year, somewhere around 1906, in the lives of these two characters and the pioneer movies they get involved with; it's a period piece, but not I hope antiquated. Anyway ATV seem happy enough; they've asked us to do another series as soon as the run of *Duet* finishes, and before we take the play to Broadway. That's if we do manage to take the play to Broadway. I've always wanted to work there, and once Tom and I even planned to emigrate to America".

Why? "Well, both our careers were going badly, for different reasons; Tom had decided to give up acting altogether, I was stuck in *Rising Damp*, and it was becoming quite clear that the RSC weren't about to ask me back because I'd become a telecomedienne, so we thought we'd try our luck in America where I had hopes of maybe meeting Mel Brooks and getting into films. But then Tom told me he was writing a play for me, and it turned out to be this one.

"People think it's about Jacqueline du Pré, but it's not; Tom happened to see her being interviewed on television while he was writing the play, which is why out of politeness he sent her a script. but the idea of an artist who for one reason or another can no longer perform is much closer to his own story and all the biographical details of the artist's childhood in the play are in fact Tom's own childhood when he trained as a cellist. Nor is it actually a play about multiple sclerosis; Tom chose to make that the illness because it's possible to show the results of it on stage. You can't show muscular dystrophy or any of the other crippling illnesses without making it a play specifically about the disease, and *Duet for One* isn't about that. It's about an artist who can't perform, and the ending is intentionally ambiguous. The play is not a defence of suicide; the most important line is the last—"Come back next week and we'll talk again". It's about a beginning. Tom didn't want to write a pessimistic play, though some audiences take it pessimistically and that is their right".

Kempinski was the actor who played Tybalt in Zeffirelli's classic Old Vic *Romeo*; he was a leading member of Olivier's National Theatre company in the middle 1960s. She meanwhile had come from a faintly media background (her father made documentaries for the Crown Film Unit, one brother is an actor) and having failed RADA got herself into the Central School at the time of the celebrated bust-up when forty students including herself, Alison Fiske, Jack Shepherd and Deborah Norton formed the breakaway Drama Centre in Chalk Farm:

"From there I got into the RSC, walking on in the David Warner *Hamlet* and understudying Diana Rigg, Janet Suzman and Glenda Jackson for what seemed like centuries. When you're an understudy, they leave you for hours in nasty overcrowded dressing rooms. Then, when you get a star role like the one I have now, one in which you virtually never get off the stage, they put you in a huge luxurious dressing room you never actually get to spend any time in. I think if I didn't have the children" (two, a girl of seven and a boy of four) "I'd just move in to the Duke of York's and live there. It's a lot better furnished than home".

She spent a total of six seasons with the RSC, graduating from understudy to Helena in the Brook *Dream* though that, surprisingly, was that:

"After we finished the RSC *Dream* tour they didn't seem to have anything else for me to do, and by then Tom and I were deeply involved with the Workers' Revolutionary Party which perhaps didn't help. I played Eleanor Marx in a massive rally before ten thousand unionists at Wembley, which was the single most terrifying and exhilarating experience of my life; but there's no doubt that there was a curious kind of blacklist operating in the theatre.

"I'm still actively involved in the WRP, as is Tom, though we don't believe that it necessarily has to come before our work or our family; our experience, though, has been that if you're seen to be doing well then nobody minds your party membership. Take Vanessa: for a year or two after she joined us she could only get rubbishy films; then she got the Oscar, and suddenly people would employ her for good roles regardless of her politics, because they knew she meant money at the box office. Before *Rising Damp*, I was actually asked by one BBC director to swear that I would not cause any 'trouble' in rehearsal. But somehow when you have a success, either on television or in films or on stage, all that is forgotten and they accept you for what you are and for the money you can bring in. There's no doubt that some careers have been hurt very badly; both Corin Redgrave and Kika Markham were doing a lot better before their party membership became known, and in that sense there is perhaps a faint parallel with the McCarthyism of the American 1950s. The only way to avoid that kind of blacklist is to have a really big success somewhere, and as Tom's had three plays in London within the last year and I've had *Rising Damp* we've perhaps come through the worst.

"But I don't fool myself that I'm another Glenda or Vanessa; people still don't have the faith to build a film around me, or to trust me for the American market. I'm still an English television star who happens to be able to play straight parts in the theatre, and, although I thought Glenda had broken down the barriers of looks and accents for the wide screen, in fact they are still there and I just don't look right for a film star. Glamorous I am not. On the other hand, if *Duet For One* goes to Broadway, who knows? At 36 I'm not exactly over the hill. One day I might even get back into the RSC, if I play my cards right".

Sheridan Morley

Nordic Music Days

Disunited from the rest of us by five uncommon languages, the Nordic countries have long tended to look first to each other for cooperation in matters artistic. For musicians the most public expression of this cultural common market comes at the Nordic Music Days, a biennial festival that has been in existence for almost a century, providing opportunities for composers, performers and critics to meet, talk and hear new works, including more recently works from a guest country outside the circle of Finn and Scand and Icelander. This time the invitations went out to Great Britain, and so it was that the first music I heard in Helsinki was by Peter Maxwell Davies, his *A Mirror of Whitening Light* sounding magical in the Temppeliaukio Church, a giant ashtray hewn from the pink granite of the city and roofed with woven copper.

There exists in Finland a keen appetite for things British. Harold Pinter and Simon Gray feature prominently on the programmes of the National Theatre: the bookshops eagerly display the latest Graham Greene or John Le Carré. There was, similarly, at the festival a lively curiosity about British music, amply repaid by the performances of the London Sinfonietta in the Davies piece and in works by John Casken and David Blake. The audience was enthusiastic, the professionals loud and long in their praise for the quality of the playing. and the British Council earned themselves gratitude for facilitating this first visit to Finland by the orchestra.

Response to the works, however, was a good deal less positive. Music that to me was strong and imaginative, like the Davies piece, was found by Nordic colleagues to be academic, constrained, polite. Nor was that altogether a surprising judgment given the lack of inhibition, even the recklessness, of so much of the Finnish and Scandinavian music I heard. There was a rude and noisy *Time Machine* for large brass group and percussion by Jarmo Sermilä, and there was a tone poem, *Artica*, by Eric Bergman which luridly evoked the Lapland wastes and ended with a *Bolero*-style hammering.

Just as loud as these, but greatly more intelligent, was Paavo Heininen's orchestral piece *Tritopos*. A convoluted and obscure lecture by him on "musical values" the day before had not been an encouraging preparation for his work, but thankfully his

Eric Bergman

compositional thinking turned out to be very much more lively and direct. A soft rattle in the percussion, a note on the flute and the piece was away, setting out on a steady and sustained process of growth. More and more figures were added to the mix without losing sight of the starting points, until the music was bounding along with tremendous vigour. Then suddenly it all stopped, leaving just a few wisps of sound to fall swiftly into silence.

It was a piece of exhilarating cogency, exciting, too, in the richness and newness of its sounds and spectacular purely as a visual display. Brass trios called to each other from either side of the platform, at moments the strings were all atremble with frantic fast bowing, and around the back of the orchestra was a great arc of percussionists, used at the climax in a galloping clatter of hard wood and metal.

Like Sermilä and Bergman, Heininen is a Finn, and the Helsinki Philharmonic obviously enjoyed playing the work of a compatriot. Equally obviously they had been extremely well prepared by the young Danish conductor Michael Schønwandt, whose programme also included Harrison Birtwistle's *Melencolia I*. This piece sounded more relaxed than it has done in England, flickering with light rather than anxiety though still formidably sure in its continuity. It also sounded more at home in the country of Sibelius than any of the other British works, and certainly it was the piece from here most deeply admired by the Nordic composers and critics.

As for myself, I was most impressed not only by the energy of the Finns but also by the freshness of the young Danes. One of them, Hans Abrahamsen, was lucky enough to have his *Winternacht* played by the Sinfonietta, but it was not just their prowess that made it so successful; so authentic and haunting in feeling though puzzlingly casual in form. Along with its heterogeneous images, which might include at one moment a trumpet call and at another a renaissance dance tune, went passages of progressive metamorphosis suggested by the graphic works of Escher, and quite unexpectedly ideas would crop up from one movement to another.

The piece is one that the Sinfonietta ought to do in London, but apparently their programmes are unalterably fixed three years ahead, which is, to say the least of it, unfortunate in an ensemble specializing in new music. And it is particularly embarrassing when, as I discovered, Danish composers are thoroughly familiar with contemporary English music. Davies's first symphony has been played in Copenhagen, Birtwistle's *Punch and Judy* is due to be staged there shortly.

But apart from the Abrahamsen there were other Danish works of interest. Gunner Møller Pedersen's *Da niente* stood out in a programme of electronic music as a lowering spangled soundscape, while Eric Højsgaard's Cello Concerto was simply the most sheerly beautiful piece in the festival. Indeed, its trailing tendrils were of an almost Szymanowskian decadence, though with an airier harmony, a more open, even at times skeletal orchestration.

The centre of the work lay in an almost continuous cello solo, very fetchingly played here by Gerhard Hamann, which wandered without any rhetorical emphasis through fine regions of thought and feeling, dragging with it a greater or smaller orchestral complement. There were lovely touches of invention, like the occasional evaporation of the harmony to leave fifths in the horns or the late emergence of a soprano voice for two floating wordless phrases, and the form of the work was also novel and successful, a massive cadential climax being the prelude not to the end but to a whole new meandering journey in quieter tones. The northerners really should not be allowed to keep things like this to themselves.

Paul Griffiths

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NYPO/Mehta
Festival Hall

William Mann

The present European tour by the New York Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta, its music director these two years now, has been able to include not only the Edinburgh Festival but also London, where they gave a concert on Thursday on South Bank (it was being recorded by Capital Radio for future broadcast).

The New York brass section is still a glory and a wonder, with its brilliant, dauntless trumpets and noble trombones, the horns as full and grand, though not flawless. The woodwinds are splendidly drilled, homogenous in blend, with sensitive soloists. The lower strings were heard to admiration in Mahler's first symphony; the violins, once an aristocracy of electric refulgence, have become more mellow, wonderful in tender cantabile, too soft-spoken for loud tutti passages where they are often swamped by the brass.

The beginning and end of *Carnival* sounded noisy but dry, almost hollow, though the central slower section brought some exquisite playing. The imbalance could be felt in Mahler's climaxes too, at the start of the finale, for example, when ears were straining to catch the violins' swooping outbursts: yet how magical was the soft playing in the canonic and "Lindenbaum" sections and indeed the exposition o the first movement.

Mehta's reading of th Mahler is familiar here, emi ently responsive to the ma diverse moods, inclined to over the edge at moments caricature or feigned sentim tality, yet on this occas more successful than before holding the big canvas togeth especially the last movemen

The orchestra brought of its own musical heirloo Stravinsky's Symphony in Th Movements. Here the sound seemed appropriately culated, the playing superb tailored—though I winced, e so at the minute imprecisi of ensemble, perhaps th times. The finale, tough a spry, conveyed the mus dynamism, not altogether sense of majesty that we kn to be there.

I stayed to hear if the visit would play a Sousa encore; sometimes in the past. Inste they paid friendly homage us, with Elgar's "Nimro variation from the *Enig* thoughtfully and unsentime ally unfolded, with a full seconds of silence at the en exemplary!

Rattle of a Simple Man
Savoy

Ned Chaillet

There is a fault with the revival of *Rattle of a Simple Man* at the Savoy, and it is completely irrelevant to its success. Charles Dyer's play, which is virtually a two-hander, could have been scripted for Pauline Collins and John Alderton, but it was not. The enthusiasm with which they feed each other the lines that build to jokes, and the touchy sensitivity they use when plunging into short-lived sulks shows a sympathy for each other's playing that should have earned them a new play of their own, something they could have explored for the first time.

Under the direction of Peter Egan they make Mr Dyer's play look newly discovered, although it was first performed in 1962 and must still con bute largely to the author's come. They do not tamper w the original time of the pl or make any recogniza attempt to update the meet between a St Pancras prostit and the aging Manches United supporter in London the annual game at Wembl but even though there is large measure of the who with-a-heart-of-gold tradi the lines frequently sparkle the lively playing.

Mr Alderton has the har task, if one goes by the outl of character, for whores traditionally given salty li that allow for vivacity but takes much more invention make a "simple man", a m dle-aged virgin from Manch ter, appear charming and s pathetic. His trick is to Percy's pride as a backb and never to hide the softn of his confusion. Against bluntness of Miss Collir Cyrenne, he matches his nor ern desire to be blunt and pleasure is expressed with grin and a blush.

Deller Consort
Wigmore Hall

Paul Griffiths

Looking rather like a poorly attended Last Supper, the Deller Consort still gathers at the table of music to dispense its programmes of madrigal and song. A year after the death of its founder, Alfred Deller, the family business is being carried on by his son Mark with the same success, particularly on the Continent.

Indeed, one is much more likely to encounter the Consort at a European festival or on an imported record; Thursday's concert in celebration of the thirtieth anniversary was something of a rarity for London.

But it is not difficult to see why the group should find such favour abroad. They are so English. That is not just a matter of repertory, even though English music does continue to hold a special place for them, their anniversary programme featuring madrigals by Tomkins, airs by Dowland and songs by Purcell.

No, they speak their musi nationality most potently in cheerfulness and charm can so easily turn coy, in relaxation that can let p formances wander amiably miss deeper shades of feeli Too often last night one co have imagined they had sl through the revolution in understanding of early m that has taken place during past 30 years.

However, the Deller Cons has always redeemed itself the qualities of individ singers, and so it was he Maurice Bevan has seen th all come and go, remaining Consort's stalwart bass. Elliott's ardent tenor was quently the green spring of in ensemble performances, a I would have liked to he heard more solo work fr him.

There was, however, am opportunity to admire the ski of the sopranos, Rosema Hardy and Elizabeth Lane, M beautifully poised Monteverdi's *Lamento della ninfa* and both bitching nice in a Purcell dialogue of inv tive.

League of Gentlemen
Greyhound

Richard Williams

Once the mainspring of King Crimson, and more recently an important collaborator with David Bowie, Peter Gabriel and Brian Eno, the guitarist and composer Robert Fripp has long been one of the most intriguing musicians in rock. That his own music has been rarely completely fulfilling may correctly have been ascribed to his leaning towards method and order, a characteristic which is not particularly pronounced elsewhere in his field.

Although his work sometimes has seemed hamstrung by formal values manifesting themselves as an obsessive neatness, many of Fripp's best performances have been produced under the aegis of other musicians. So it is satisfying to report that his new quartet, the League of Gentlemen, allows him more scope within which to reconcile his superior tec nique and compositional lo with a more physical mode expression.

This is how the group w designed, and to provide measure of the visceral dri associated with a more rece generation, Fripp successful rescued the bassist Sara L and the drummer Johnny To had from their struggling pu group. Lee, in particular, is real find; she energizes Fripp careful, concise patterns wi real verve and flair.

The compositions, all instru mentals, are uniformly bri and work methodically towar their climaxes, occasional using motifs familiar fro Fripp's earlier work (the hy notic ascending-chord schem of "Larks' Tongues in Aspic cropped up more than once Operating against Bar Andrews' organ, which most contented itself with appr priate background washe Fripp delivered several raucou solos without quite conveyin an impression of true spont neity; he is not there yet.

Watch on the Rhine
Lyttelton

Irving Wardle

The usual opinion on what Shaw called "blue book" plays is that they die as soon as their purpose is accomplished. There are enough examples of such plays that have survived, starting with Shaw's own *Widower's Houses*, to disprove that generalization, but in the case of Lillian Hellman's anti-fascist conversation piece, I can only echo Ned Chaillet's tepid response to its Edinburgh opening earlier this month. Good for Miss Hellman if her play did anything to nudge America into joining the war; otherwise there is not much to say about it.

Watch on the Rhine sets out to alert the national conscience by dropping a group of experience-hardened Europeans into a nest of privileged American liberals.

Everything that can be done by way of casting and period detail to restore the play eloquence has been done Mike Ockrent's production. Th Americans, from Peggy Ash croft's politically blinkere matriarch to Frank Singuin eau's black butler, are playe with a muted accuracy alway leaving room for larger issue to take over. The refugee chi dren (especially James Downer's pedantic *Wunder kind*) are played without th least trace of cuteness. An their gallant parents likewis cultivate a strictly domest manner until circumstance force them into the open.

Susan Engel's performance a the wife is summed up in on beautifully judged passag where she calmly advises Kur to return to Germany whil projecting the intense desire t keep him in safety. Kurt's taci turnity is preserved for so lon that you are finally longing fo him to speak: and when h does, David Burke and Sando Eles do satisfyingly break ou of the domestic shell. The play ing is admirable, but the pla has found a fit setting in th cold grandeur of Eileen Diss' stage.

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PERSONAL CHOICE

Marvin as he appears in his new film The Big Red One. is the guest in tonight's Parkinson show (BBC 1, 11.00)

BC Television's autumn/winter opera season—we are nised an opera a month—gets under way tonight (BBC 2, 9.15) La Périchole, Offenbach's delightful work about a street er in 18th-century Peru. This production, by Peter Knapp's ers Company, a small group which models itself on nbach's own company, has already been seen at the rside Studios in London, and it was highly praised for its fness and musicality. Tonight's recording was made at the hester Festival Theatre. Eirian James sings the title role.

e are fully entitled to dislike chat shows as a genre, n the case of Parkinson (BBC 1, 11.00) we owe it to the at least to get our antipathies sorted out. Is it him we ot like, or chat shows generally ? Or both ? The two should pe confused : Michael Parkinson is too conscientious a armer for that to be allowed to happen to him. onally, I rate him as the best of the chat-show presenters, gh I must admit that his obsequiousness can grate and his ical mannerisms are becoming parodies of themselves.

ene Kelly had few peers as a dancer. As a film director, ever, his success has been on a limited scale, although were moments in Hello Dolly which indicated his potential, his Invitation to the Dance seems to improve with age. grip is altogether more confident in the comedy western Cheyenne Social Club (BBC 1, 9.20), though how it would turned out without the presence in the cast of James Stewart Henry Fonda remains a matter for conjecture.

though Haydn wrote his first oratorio Il ritorno di Tobia ly 230 years ago, it had to wait until last year to get its performance in Britain in the original Italian version. was at the Royal Festival Hall. And it's a recording of that ric performance we hear tonight, on Radio 3 at 7.45, with ti conducting the Royal Phil and a cast that includes *amin Luxon, Della Jones, Philip Langridge* and ara Hendricks . . . I shouldn't imagine there have many performances in Britain either of Lope De Vega's ear-old comedy The Idiot Lady which, in a translation by ge Brandt, gets an airing on Radio 4 at 8.30. Madeline Smith he title role. . . . I think Dinsdale Landen, a fine comedy , is wrongly cast as Robert Raikes, the Sunday schools eer in Brian Sibley's repeated documentary (Radio 4, pm), but the programme itself tells an important story, tells it well.

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Broadcasting Guide

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.15am Buford Files and Dinky Dog: Two cartoons. **9.35 The Flashing Blade:** Final part of this swashbuckling serial (r). **10.00 Athlete:** How to throw the hammer (r). **10.25 New Adventures of Batman:** Cartoon version of the flesh-and-blood fantasy (r). **10.55 International Golf:** Third round of the Haig Whisky Tournament Players' Championship, from Moortown, Leeds. Further coverage at 1.05 and on BBC 2 at 4.00 and 12.00.

12.30 pm Grandstand: The line-up is: 12.35 Football focus (with Bob Wilson); 1.05 International Golf; 1.30 Boxing: Pat Thomas v Steve Hopkin (British Light-Middleweight Championship); Racing from Newbury at 1.50, 2.20, 2.50 and 3.20; *International Darts*, from Stockton (Unipart World Team Matchplay) at 2.05 and 2.35; *Athletics, from Alexander Stadium, Birmingham*, at 3.10 and 4.30; International Rugby Union: Wales versus An Overseas XV, from Cardiff Arms Park at 3.45 (see also BBC 2, 7.35); 4.40 Final scores.

5.10 The Dukes of Hazzard: Musicians kidnap a country music singer, and the Dukes are under *suspicion*.

6.00 News with Kenneth Kendall and sports round-up.

6.15 Dr Who: Final part of The Leisure Hive. **6.40 Larry Grayson's Generation Game:** Party games, played in public. Also featuring the helpful Isla St Clair.

7.35 Juliet Bravo: The woman police inspector investigates the *case of the burgled fall-out* shelter. **8.25 The Paul Daniels Magic Show:** The "guests" include Hans Moretti who catches a bullet in his mouth, and Stuart Lewis, puppeteer and ventriloquist.

9.05 News *with Kenneth Kendall* and sports round-up.

9.20 Film: The Cheyenne Social Club (1970) Gene Kelly directed this comedy western in which James Stewart inherits a brothel. Also starring Henry Fonda and *Shirley Jones. (See Personal* Choice.)

11.00 Parkinson: The chat show returns. His guests are Denis Healey, Sian Phillips and Hollywood actor Lee Marvin. (See Personal Choice.)

12.00 *World Championship Boxing*: Lupe Pinto, of Mexico, fights Johnny Owen, of Wales, for the bantamweight title. From Los Angeles. Ends at 12.50 am.

Regions

BBC 1 VARIATIONS:— BBC Cymru/Wales: [illegible] pm Sports [illegible] Wales. 12.50 am News and Close. Scotland: 4.50-5.10 pm Scoreboard. 5.10-5.15 Scoreboard. 12.50 am News and Close. Northern Ireland: 5.00-5.10 pm Scoreboard. 5.10-5.15 Northern Ireland News. 12.50 am News and Close. England: [illegible] pm (South-west only) Saturday Spotlight. 12.55 am Close.

BBC 2

7.40 am Open University: Men and Mountains; 8.05 [illegible] Course Review; 8.30 Liszt and Nature; 8.55 Therapeutic Community; 9.20 Just an Accident? 9.45 The Rise of Electricity; 10.10 "[illegible] Band is Dead"; 11.00 Geology of the Red Sea; 11.25 Nature or Nurture; 11.50 Educational Research Methods; 12.15 pm The Universe Yesterday; 12.40 Architecture and Design. Closedown at 1.05.

1.20 Film: Sugarfoot (1951) Western. Randolf Scott is the ex-army officer who encounters problems with an old adversary in trying to start a new life in Arizona cattle country. Director: Edwin L. Marin.

2.40 Film: *Man Behind the Gun* (1953) In this one, Randolf Scott is a US Cavalry officer who uncovers a plot to take Southern California out of the Union. Director: Felix E. *Feist*.

4.00 International Golf: Closing *holes of the third round of the* Haig Whisky Tournament Players' Championship, from Moortown, Leeds. More at midnight.

5.10 International Darts: Final of the Unipart World Team Matchplay. Highlights at 11.10.

6.50 Home Ground: Professor Sir Bernard Lovell talks to Brian Redhead about his famous Jodrell Bank radio telescope. *7.20 News* and sports round-up.

7.35 Rugby Special: Wales v An Overseas XV, at Cardiff Arms Park. *The commentator is Bill* McClaren.

8.25 We, The Accused: Second showing of part 2 of this romantic drama about a schoolmaster (Ian Holm) whose secret affair with his colleague (Angela *Down) leads to his wife's death* (Elizabeth Spriggs).

9.15 La Périchole: The Singers' Company production of this delightful opera by Offenbach is sung in English. Eirian James plays the street singer of the title. Mike Bulman is Piquillo, her lover, and Alan Watt is the Viceroy. (See Personal Choice.)

11.05 News and weather.

11.10 International Darts: Highlights of the Unipart World Team Matchplay final. **12.00 International Golf:** Highlights of the third round of the Haig Whisky Tournament Players' Championship. Ends at 12.55 am.

London Weekend

8.35 am Sesame Street: With The Muppets in an early manifestation. **9.35 BJ and the Bear:** Adventure yarn about some wild *horses in danger.* *10.30 Tiswas:* Entertainment mixture for the young.

12.30 pm World of Sport: The line-up is: *12.35* On the Ball (with Ian St John); 1.00 Rallying (Rothmans Manx International Rally on the Isle of Man); 1.15 News from ITN; 1.20 The ITV Seven: the 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 and 3.00 at Ayr, and the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 at *Catterick; 3.10 Drag Racing:* (International World Finals, from Santa Pod, Bedfordshire); also, Speedway (World Long Track Championship final) from Scheessel, West Germany; 3.30 Football half-time scores; 4.00 Wrestling, from Morecambe; 4.50 Results round-up.

5.05 News, from ITN. 5.15 Metal *Mickey: The robot makes money* —literally, and the police investigate the illegal-cash flow. **5.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century:** space adventure yarn. Hugo, the villain, pursues Buck and a cunning girl.

6.45 Up for the Cup: Two football clubs, Walsall and Coventry, decide which variety acts should go forward to the final contest.

7.30 Film: Snowbeast (1977) Television film about a beast, half-man, half monster, that terrorises a ski resort during a winter carnival. With Bo Svenson, Yvette Mimieux, Clint Walker.

9.15 Hammer House of Horror: The Thirteenth Reunion. Spine-chiller about a girl journalist (Julia Foster) who takes a *slimming course* and is assigned to write a story about it. With Dinah Sheridan, James Cosmo and Warren Clarke.

10.15 News from ITN, and sports round-up; 10.30 The Big Match: Highlights from three of today's major games. With Brian Moore. **11.45 Pro-Celebrity Snooker:** John Spencer and Dennis Taylor play Emlyn Hughes and Colin *Welland*.

12.30 am Close. Lord George Brown continues his readings from The Voice of History.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.25 am Shipping forecast.
6.30 News.
6.32 Farming Today.
6.50 Yours Faithfully.
7.00 News.
7.10 On Your Farm.
7.40 Today's Papers.
7.45 Yours Faithfully.
7.50 It's a Bargain.
8.00 News.
8.10 Sport on 4.
8.45 Today's Papers.
8.50 Breakaway.
9.00 News.
9.50 News Stand.
10.05 Talking Politics.
10.30 Daily Service.†
10.45 Pick of the Week.†
11.35 From Our Own Correspondent.
12.00 News.
12.02 pm Marriage Matters (5).
12.27 The Burkiss Way.†
12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions ?
2.00 News.
2.05 Wildlife.
2.30 The Golden Bowl (5).
3.25 With Radio 3.
5.00 Getting Together.
5.25 Week Ending.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 Desert Island Discs.
6.55 A Word in Edgeways.
7.25 Johnny Morris: records.†
8.30 Play: The Idiot Lady, by Lope de Vega.
10.00 News.
10.15 Portrait of Richard Hillary.
11.00 Lighten Our Darkness.
11.15 Raikes' Progress.†
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.35 Weather.

VHF

9.05 am-10.30 Open University: Interlude; Open Forum; Formats and Outcomes: Design Technology: Nitrogen Fixation. 11.20-12.00 Open University: The Disabling Professions; Office of the Prime Minister (1). 2.00 pm-6.00 Open University: Welfare Economics; Linear Maths; Ted Hughes; British Urban *Perspectives; Management in* Education; Economic Dependecy; Thought and Reality: Metabolic Pathways; Genetics; Musical Structure in Varese; Telecommunication Systems.

Radio 3

7.55 am (mw only) Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Glinka, Bruch, Pizzetti, Strauss.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review.†
10.15 Stereo Release: Myaskovsky, Strauss (Alpine Sym—Solti).†
11.15 Bandstand.†
11.45 I Know What I Like: records.†
1.00 pm News.
1.05 Quartet (Vermeer): Mozart (K575), Debussy.†
2.00 BBC Northern SO/Herbig: Bruckner (Sym 8).†
3.25 Consort (Bream): Allison, Dowland, Philips, Morley, Bacheler, Narvaez, Gibbons. †
4.25 Piano (Frankl): Schumann.†
5.00 Jazz records.†
5.45 Critics' Forum.
6.35 Organ (Hurford): Bach.†
7.10 Story: A Job for the Silversmith, by John Wain.
7.45 Oratorio: Il ritorno di Tobia, by Haydn (Langridge, Luxon/RPO etc./Dorati), pt 1.†
9.10 Talk: Building on the Horizontal.
9.30 *Il ritorno di Tobia, pt 2.*†
11.00 News.
11.05-1.15 Record: Copland.†

VHF

6.00 am-8.00 Open University: Partial Differential Equations; Women's Aid; The Uses of Complex Models; Patterns of Inequality: Folk Song and the Composers; The Ultimate Structure of Matter.

Radio 2

5.00 am News, weather. 5.02 Tom Edwards.† 8.06 David Jacobs.† 10.02 Pete Murray.† 1.02 pm Roy Castle. 1.30 Sport: Football League; International Rugby Union; Newbury Racing; Sports Report. 6.03 Pop Over Europe. 7.02 Three in a Row. *7.30 Big Band Special.*† 8.02 Saturday Night is Gala Night.† 10.02 The King's *Collection.*† 10.30 Band Parade.† 11.02 Sports Desk. 11.10 Bob Kilbey.† 2.02 am-6.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

5.00 am As *Radio 2. 7.03* Playground. 8.00 Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Steve Wright. 1.00 pm Adrian Juste.† 2.00 A King in New York.† 2.05 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Rock on Saturday.† 7.30 Close.

VHF RADIOS 1 and 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 1.00 pm With Radio 1. 7.30-6.00 am With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave (648 kHz, 463m) at the following times (GMT):

6.00 am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News about Britain. 7.15 From the Weeklies. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 London in Literature. 8.30 The [illegible] of Music. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Science in Action. 10.15 About Britain. 10.30 [illegible]. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.25 The Week in Wales. 11.30 The Moonstone. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 pm Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 London in Literature. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Country Style. 2.00 Saturday Special. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 People and Politics. 8.30 Short Story. 8.45 Ring up the Curtain. 9.15 The Book Programme. 9.45 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.00 World News. 10.09 [illegible]. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 [illegible]. 11.30 [illegible]. 12.00 World News. 12.09 am News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 [illegible]. 1.30 [illegible]. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 People and Politics. 2.30 [illegible]. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Review of the British Press. 5.15 Letterbox. 5.45 Letter from America.

WAVELENGTHS: Radio 1 medium wave 275m/1089kHz or 285m/1053kHz. Radio 2 med wave 330m/909kHz *or 433m/693kHz and 88-91 VHF. Radio 3 med wave 247m/1215kHz and 90-92.5 VHF. Radio 4 long wave* 1500m/200kHz and 92-95 VHF. Greater London area only; med wave 720kHz/417m. LBC 261m, 97.3 VHF. Capital 194m, 95.8 VHF. World Service: med wave 648kHz (463m). BBC Radio London 206m, 94.9 VHF.

REGIONAL TV

Southern

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Beachcombers. 11.45 pm News. 11.50 Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 12.35 am Weather followed by Between the Lines.

Channel

As London except: Starts 12.30 pm World of Sport. 5.14 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.18-5.45 Metal Mickey. 11.45 Portrait of the Artist. 12.00-12.25 am Next Step Beyond.

Tyne Tees

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Saturday Shake-up. 9.05 Solo One. 9.30 Shake-up. 9.40 Film: Thunderbirds Are Go. 11.00 Shake-up. 11.20 [illegible] Robert. 12.20 pm-12.30 Shake-up. 10.30 Shoot! 11.40 Streets of San Francisco. 12.30 am-12.35 Three's Company.

HTV

As London except: Starts 9.10 am Home Produced. 9.35 Beachcombers. 10.00 Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 10.05-10.30 Batman. 5.13 pm-5.15 News. 11.45-12.40 am Paris. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As General Service except: 5.15 pm-5.45 Ser Dros Gymru a [illegible].

Westward

As London except: Starts 9.30 am Laurel and Hardy. 9.55 Look and See. 10.00 Spiderman. 10.25-10.30 Gus Honeybun Birthdays. 12.27 pm-12.30 News. 5.14 News. 5.18-5.45 Metal Mickey. 11.45 West Tonight. 12.00 Next Step Beyond. 12.25 am-12.30 Faith for Life.

ATV

As London except: Starts 9.10 am Play Squash Jonah's Way. 9.35 Home *Produced.* 10.00-10.30 *Adventures of* Black Beauty. 10.30 pm Star Soccer. 11.45-1.20 am Film: Virginity (Vittorio Gassman).

Ulster

As London except: Starts 9.30 am Big Country. 10.00 Bailey's Bird. 10.25 Bubbles. *10.30 Tarzan.* 11.20 Cartoon. 11.30-12.30 pm Sesame Street. 5.13-5.15 News. 11.45 Odd Couple. 12.10 am-12.20 Bedtime.

Border

As London except: Starts 9.10 am Play Squash Jonah's Way. 9.30 Home Produced. 10.00-10.30 Call It Macaroni. 10.30 pm Shoot. 11.40-12.30 am Musical Special: Anne Murray.

Anglia

As London except: Starts 9.25 am Beachcombers. 9.50 Rocket Robin Hood. 10.10-10.20 Fangface. 10.50 pm Match of the Week. 11.30 Paris. 12.25 am Late Debate.

Scottish

As London except: Starts 9.15 am Cuir Car. 9.40-10.30 Charlie's Angels. 10.30 pm Scotsport. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35-12.30 pm Quincy.

Granada

As London except: Starts 9.20 am Big Country. 10.00 Cartoon. 10.05-10.30 Batman. 10.30 pm Match Night. 11.45-1.35 am Film: Hell on Frisco Bay (Alan Ladd).

Grampian

As London except: Starts 9.30 am Lost Islands. 10.00-10.30 Adventures of Black Beauty. 10.30 pm Scotsport. 11.30 Paris. 12.25 am-12.30 Reflections.

Yorkshire

As London except: Starts 9.00 am One Step Ahead. 9.25 Fantastic Four. 9.40-10.30 BJ and the Bear. 10.30 pm Big Game. 11.45-12.45 am Palace Presents.

FILMS ON TV

by David Robinson

There is a real reminiscence of Saturday afternoon westerns today with a Randolph Scott double bill, starting on BBC2 at 1.20. *Sugarfoot* (1953) shows Scott as the creator of Los Angeles; Man Behind the Gun, made two years earlier, is a cut above the rest, with a lively cast including Adele Jergens, S. Z. Sakall and Raymond Massey. *Tonight (BBC1, 9.20* The Cheyenne Social Club is a tongue-in-cheek and star-studded (James Stewart, Henry Fonda) western about two cowboys who inherit a brothel as a very going concern. The fun of Robert Aldrich's Four *for Texas (Tuesday, BBC1, 6.45)* —also star-studded with Dean Martin, Sinatra, Anita Ekberg and Ursula Andress—already fell rather flat in 1963.

There are other styles in nostalgia. Raoul Walsh's Objective Burma (tomorrow, BBC1. 1.45) is the film that launched the myth of Errol Flynn's single-handed World War II; in consequence of its disregard of the British contribution it remained unseen in this country for years. One of Our Aircraft is Missing (Thursday, BBC2, 8.30), part of the BBC's current series of films by Michael *Powell* and *Emeric Pressburger*, was a war film much better regarded by the British. Even its talky bits are touching today. A Hitchcock war film, made in 1942, Saboteur (Friday, BBC1, 10.50) is distinctly below his best, though *it does have the celebrated climax* with the villain suspended from the Statue of Liberty. Rightly, Hitchcock later reflected that it would have been more exciting if it had been the hero (Robert Cummings). Fashions (originally Fashions of 1934; tomorrow, BBC2, 4.55) is one of the less known Warner musicals. It has a rare *musical appearance* by Bette Davis, teamed with William Powell, is directed by the distinguished German emigré director William Dieterle, but survives mainly for a couple of choice Busby Berkeley numbers.

The series of Hollywood films by the seventies avant-garde continues with Steven Spielberg's Sugarland Express (tomorrow, BBC2, 10.15) whose story of two nice but dim fugitives from the police has style enough to anticipate Jaws and Close Encounters. It belongs to the same neo-documentary mood as William Friedkin's The French Connection (Monday, BBC1, *9.25*), an *exciting* account of policing the international narcotics trade.

Sunday's programmes

r Dean (left) and Barry Lowe in The Zoo: ITV, 10.15

obert Hughes has set himself—and us—a daunting task with ight films in the series he calls The Shock of the New C 2, 8.05) : the recreation of the dynamism of 100 years of ern art, from Eiffel to Warhol. It's history to us now, he but it was once the landscape of the modernists' dream. ight's film is about the decades when mechanical inventiveness oded and the shock waves raced through the brushes of cubists and the futurists. Mr Hughes tears through these liant years at breakneck speed, and we shall have to cling to his coat tails to keep up with him.

good memory for *names does* not come amiss in assessing y Purchese's play The Zoo (ITV, 10.15), and a thoroughgoing wledge of the football scene is a distinct advantage, too. g a bit short on *both these* qualities, I found myself ggling to keep up with the twists and turns of this serio-comic. y of an opportunistic football club manager who aphorically rests his *telescope on* his team's shoulders while urveys his chances of becoming manager of a club much er up the league table.

wo long-established and usually excellent BBC TV series rn tonight : one about the business life, the other about life business. They are The Money Programme (BBC 2, 6.40) Everyman (BBC 1, 10.15). The first-named has items about tward Television's boardroom battles and industrial training hods for German youth. The Everyman film is about a edish woman priest. Both series give much-needed stability Sunday night TV programming.

Technical snags prevented my seeing the first two-thirds of mmy and Bruce (ITV, 8.00). What I did see of it confirmed view that Bruce Forsyth is merely treading water in his Your Cards Right quiz game, that he and Sammy *Davis Jnr* e developed the mutual insult to a fine art and that, as a ring of versatile entertainers, they are probably without equal.

Some new gaffes reinforce the repeated old ones in Denis rden's compilation The Worst of It'll be Alright on the Night V, 7.15). The newcomers vary alarmingly in quality and vox pop interludes are time-wasting, but this is still a uinely hilarious programme, and Mr Norton is in fine fettle.

It is one of the best radio Sundays for months. I have space y to mention Catherine Nesbitt's conversation with John om (Radio 4, 10.15 pm) ; the feast of choral music from Alban's Cathedral (Radio 4, 8.00) ; Michael Tippett's opera e Ice Break which, when I saw it at Covent Garden was rter than the combined intervals (Radio 3, 2.30) ; Al Jolson, l Ella Fitzgerald as the guests in an old *Bing Crosby Show* adio 2, 10.30 pm) ; and the Royal Phil, under Weller, playing ethoven's Piano Concerto No 3 (soloist : Ken Noda) and the hler Symphony No 4 (Radio 3, 7.30).

TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.05 Playboard: Puppets in the story of The Three Bears (r); **9.20 Wake Up Sunday:** Dana and the Brown Brothers tell religious stories and sing appropriate songs *(r); 9.40 Art-Asia: Songs from* the Asian punk group called Alien Kulture.

10.10 Film: Lieutenant Natassa (1971) Nico Foskolos's heroic tale of the Greek Resistance during the Second World War. Aliki Vouyouklaki *plays the woman who lost her* memory and voice in Dachau. Very moving. With English sub-titles.

12.05 Morning Service: From the Cathedral Church of St Asaph, Clwyd. It's the opening service of the North Wales Music Festival. *12.50 Farming:* the weekly magazine; **1.15 The Past at Work: Railway Mania.** A steam lover's trip on the Clan Line, from York to Leeds, Harrogate and Knaresborough (r); **1.40 News.**

1.45 Film: Objective Burma (1955) Full, original version of this not-at-all-bad spectacular war movie, with Errol Flynn leading a party *of paratroopers on a mission to* find and destroy a Japanese radar station in Burma. Britain got unnecessarily prickly over it. Director: Raoul Walsh*.

3.55 International Golf: Closing holes of the final round of the *Haig Whisky Tournament Players'* Championship, from Moortown, Leeds; **5.00 Match of the Day:** Highlights from some of yesterday's Football League Matches;

6.00 News: with John Edmunds.

6.10 The Mill on the Floss: *Episode 7 of James Andrew Hall's* careful adaptation of the George Eliot classic (r); **6.40 Songs of Praise:** From Kendal Parish Church in the Lake District. The interviewer is Gerry Monté.

7.15 The Onedin Line: Now *married to Margarita Juarez*, James Onedin sails to Sumatra with her. It's a business honeymoon, and, in Sumatra, a cunning competitor enters the story.

8.05 Mastermind: The questions tonight are about James Joyce, General Gordon, *Stonehenge* and the works of H. P. Lovecraft.

8.35 Film: W. W. and the Dixie Dancekings (1975) Lively comedy, set in Georgia in the 1950s, about a crook on the run (Burt Reynolds) who takes a job as promoter of a *travelling* band. He and the Dancekings then make for Nashville, the country and western Mecca. Director: John Avildsen.

10.05 News and weather.

10.15 Everyman: Margaretha. Film about Margaretha Lannewall, a *woman priest in a rural parish in* Sweden, and how she spends a pastoral weekend. (See Personal Choice.)

10.50 The Silicon Factor: Bernard Falk with another film about the microchip revolution. He visits the Netherlands, Sweden and Norway to see whether industry there is adapting to the new techniques any better than Britain.

11.30 Weather forecast.

Regions

BBC 1 VARIATIONS:— BBC Cymru/Wales: 1.45-2.10 pm Tomorrow's World. 2.10-3.20 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 3.20-5.00 Sports Line-up. 11.30 News and Close. Scotland: 12.50-1.15 pm Landward. 5.00-6.00 Scotscene. 10.50-11.20 The [illegible]. 11.20 News and Close. Northern Ireland: 11.30 pm News and Close. England: 11.35 pm Close.

BBC 2

7.40 Open University. Where is Wales? 8.5 Quantum Theory: Standing Waves and Energy Levels. 8.30 M101/[illegible] Modelling, Pollution. 8.55 Solar Cells. 9.20 Zinc. 9.45 Circadian Rhythms (1). 10.10 IATA: Tel Aviv Negotiations. 10.35 Geochemistry. 11.0 Maths Across the Curriculum. 11.25 Time. 11.50 Mechanics—Rockets. Orbits. 12.15 Shipbuilding. 12.40 Identical Particles. 1.5 The Turbine Blade. 1.30 Managing the Desert Margin.

1.55 Horizon: Beyond the Milky Way. Second screening of this fascinating Alex Nisbett film about the galaxies including our own. It asks: are we on a celestial collision course ?

2.45 International Golf: The opening holes in the final round of the Haig Whisky Tournament Players' Championship. From Leeds.

3.10 The All-Ireland Gaelic Football Final: The Republic's two leading Gaelic teams, Kerry and Roscommon, fight it out at Croke Park, Dublin.

4.45 Cartoon: The Gold Whiskers; 4.55 Film: Fashions (1934) Old, black-and-white Warner Brothers musical, with Busby Berkeley dance numbers. William Powell plays a wily businessman. Also starring a very youthful Bette Davis and the comedy actor Frank McHugh.

6.10 News Review: Kenneth Kendall links these highlights from the *past week's news, with sub-titles* for the hard of hearing.

6.40 The Money Programme: Brian Widlake (of the Radio 4 World at One) and Valerie *Singleton* present this new series on world economics (See Personal Choice).

7.15 The World About Us: Son of Haji Omar: Film about life in Afghanistan before the Soviet troops invaded the country. How *nomads and farmers* evolved a way of life that helped them to survive in a very arid land.

8.05 The Shock of the New. How modern art has changed in the past century. First in an eight-part series. With Robert Hughes (See Personal Choice).

9.05 News and Weather.

9.10 The Brandenburg Concertos: Raymond Leppard is at the harpsichord in a performance of the first of Bach's six concerti. The other five will be played during the rest of this week.

9.30 International Golf: Some of the most exciting action in today's final in the Haig Whisky Players' Championship, at Leeds.

10.15 *Film: Sugarland Express* (1974) Action-filled comedy drama about an escaped convict (William Atherton) and his wife (Goldie Hawn) who are pursued by what seems like half of Texas's police force as they try to stop their baby *son being taken for adoption.* Directed by Stephen Spielberg, who made Duel, Jaws and Close Encounters of the Third Kind. Film ends at 12.05.

London Weekend

9.05 Space Academy: Cartoon; **9.30 One Step Ahead:** When *school-leaving* youngsters cannot find a job. With Diana Wallis, Jeremy Payne (r).

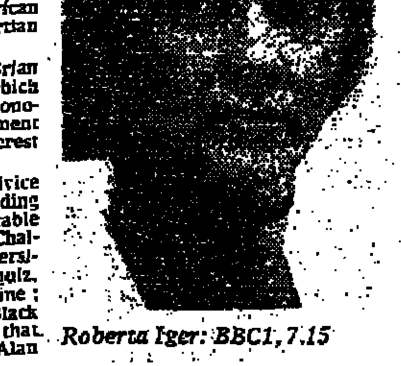
10.00 **Morning Worship:** From St John's Church, Bromsgrove; **11.00 Getting On:** How to make the most of your autumnal years; **11.30 Mork and Mindy:** American comedy series about a Martian visitor.

12.00 Weekend World: With Brian Walden. In a programme which examines the Government's *economic strategy.* There is comment about the revolt over interest rates.

1.00 Home Produced: More advice for allotment owners, including hints on fruit and vegetable growing; **1.30 University Challenge:** Two teams from universities in a general knowledge quiz, conducted by Bamber Gascoine; **2.00 The Adventures of Black Beauty:** The death sentence that hangs over a pit pony. With Alan Guy, Judith Bowker (r).

2.30 Police 5: The Yard, and Shaw Taylor, want your help and ask for it.

2.45 Film: The Iron Maiden (1962) Affable British comedy about an ancient traction engine and some visiting rich Americans. With



Roberta Iger: BBC1, 7.15

Michael Craig, Anne Helm, Cecil Parker, Allan Hale Jnr.

4.30 Chips: Tales of two motorcycle policemen; **5.30 Watch all** *Night. Thriller serial about a kid*napped nuclear expert. Tonight: a threat to his life.

6.00 Jaywalking: What loneliness can do to people. An investigation by *Sue Jay; 6.30 News from ITN.*

6.40 Sing to the Lord: Religious songs and sentiments from Wales. With Clifford Evans and Bronwen Astor (the former actress Bronwen Pugh), two choirs and soloist Dennis O'Neill.

7.15 The Worst of It'll be Alright on the Night: Collection of items taken from Denis Norden's two amusing programmes *about things* that went wrong when films or TV shows were being shot. There are also some new howlers, not seen previously (See Personal Choice).

8.00 Sammy and Bruce: Songs, comedy and *dancing* from Bruce Forsyth and Sammy Davis Jnr (see Personal Choice).

9.00 The *Professionals: Police* thriller about the murder in London of a CIA agent. A German terrorist group is suspected.

10.00 News from ITN.

10.15 Screenplay: The Zoo. Barry Purchese's lively comedy about an exploited football team (see Personal Choice).

11.15 Ghost Story: Spooky drama *about three men* who in the 1920s, spend a weekend at a haunted house. With Anthony Bate, Marianne Faithfull, Penelope Keith, Larry Dann and Murray Melvin.

12.35 Close.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.25 am *Shipping forecast.*
6.30 Morning Has Broken.
7.00 News.
7.10 Sunday Papers.
7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye.
8.00 News.
8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 *Sunday.*
8.50 Week's Good Cause.
9.00 News.
9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter From America.
9.30 Morning Service.
10.15 The Archers.
11.15 Weekend Woman's Hour.
12.00 The Improbable Life of Arthur Ransome.
12.27 pm Smash of the Day.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World This Weekend.
2.00 News.
2.02 Gardeners' Question Time.
2.30 Play: Wedderburn's Slave, by Douglas Dunn.
3.45 A Sideways Look.
4.00 News.
4.02 Sporting Reflections.
4.30 The Living World.
5.00 Feedback.
5.15 *Down Your Way.*
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 That Most Despicable Race
7.00 Does He Take Sugar ?
7.30 A Celebration of Pepys.
8.00 Music to Remember.†
9.00 News.
9.05 With Great Pleasure.†
9.50 My Delight.
10.00 News.
10.15 A Little Love and Good Company.
11.00 Craftsman's Art and Music's Measure (2).
11.15 A Word in Edgeways.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Weather.

VHF

7.15 am-10.15 Open University: Energy and History; New British Drama; Faith Seeks Fellowship; Psychology—Applied Research; People and Work; Class in England in 1848; The Elizabethan *Period; Microprocessors; French* Universities on Strike (2). 2.00 pm-6.00 Study on 4: Talking about Music (8)†; Music in Principle (8); The Sounds of Music (8); Music Hall (4); Land —A Resource (7); Teaching English as a Second Language (4); Teaching Music (4); Get By in German (4).

Radio 3

7.55 am (mw only) Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Boyce, Geminiani, *J. C. Smith, Nares, Stanley.*†
9.00 News.
9.05 Records: Mozart, Bruckner, Beethoven (Pno Conc 1—Schnabel), Dvorak, Liszt.†
10.30 Music Weekly.†
11.20 Los Angeles PO/Giulini, pt 1: Mozart (Sym 41).†
11.55 Interval reading.
12.00 LAPO, pt 2: Tchaikovsky (Sym 6).†
12.55 pm Let the Peoples Sing (9).†
1.25 Octet: Schubert (D803).†
2.30 Opera: The Ice Break, by Tippett (Barstow, Harper, Vaughan/McDonnell, Shirley-Quirk ROH/C. Davis), Act I.†
2.55 Interval reading.
3.00 The Ice Break, Act II.†
3.30 Talk: Conan Doyle without Sherlock Holmes.
3.50 The Ice Break, Act III.†
4.25 Story: Pure Research, by B. Eveleigh.
4.45 Piano: Brahms, Beethoven, Debussy.†
5.30 Quartet (Delmé), pt I: Bach, Simpson (no 1).†.
6.15 One Pair of Ears: review.
6.30 Quartet, pt 2: Beethoven (op 127).†
7.30 RPO/Weller (live from Festival Hall), pt 1: Beethoven (incl Pno Conc 3—Noda).†
8.25 Anthology: Fabulous Beasts.
8.45 RPO, pt 2: Mahler (Sym 4).†
10.00 Play: The God of Destiny, by *Hans Magnus Enzensberger.*†
10.40 Record: Gerhard.†
11.00 News.
11.05-11.15 Record: Mendelssohn.†

VHF

6.00 am-8.00 Open University: Language and Frames; Being at *Risk; Dinsdale Park School;* Making Sense of Society; Pests and Control; The Pauline Letters. 12.00 midnight-12.40 am Open University: Resources and Reserves; The Reform of the Skyscraper.

Radio 2

6.00 am News, weather. 6.02 Sam on Sunday.† 7.30 Nick Page.† 8.03 David Jacobs.† 10.02 Pete Murray.† 1.27 pm The Choice is Yours. 1.32 Des O'Connor.† 2.02 Benny Green.† 3.02 Country Style.† 3.30 Tom Browne.† 4.30 Sing Something Simple.† 5.02 Two's Best. 6.02 Charlie Chester. 7.02 Sport. 7.30 Boston Pops. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.02 Your 100 Best Tunes. *10.02 Rolf's Walkabout.*† 10.30 The Bing Crosby Show. 11.02 Sports Desk 11.05 Nordring Festival 1979.† 12.05 am Bob Kilbey.† 2.02-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

8.00 am Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Noel Edmunds. 1.00 pm Jimmy Savile. 3.02 Studio B15. 5.02 Top 40.† 7.02 25 Years of Rock.† 8.00 Sounds of Jazz.† 10.00 Close.

VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 6.00 am With *Radio 2. 5.00 pm With Radio* 1. 10.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave (648 kHz, 463m) at the following times (GMT):

6.00 am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News about Britain. 7.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.45 World Radio Club. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 People and Politics. 9.30 From the Weeklies. 9.45 Sports Review. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 10.30 Sunday Service. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Play of the Week. 12.30 pm Command Performance. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 1.30 Short Story. 1.45 Sandi Jones Request Show. 2.30 Frank Muir Goes Into... 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 From the Promenade Concerts. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 4.45 Letter from America. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Letterbox. 8.30 Sunday Half-hour. 9.00 World Radio Club. 9.15 Sandi Jones Request Show. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Science in Action. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sportscall. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Music Now. 12.00 World News. 12.09 am News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 From the Promenade Concerts. 1.45 Short Story. 2.00 World News. 2.09 British Press Review. 2.15 Backtracking. 2.30 The Moonstone. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 Don't Mock the Inventor. 4.45 Notes from an Observer. 4.50 Book Choice. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-four Hours. 5.45 London in Literature.

REGIONAL TV

Southern

As London except 9.05 am-9.30 Play Squash Jonah's Way. 11.30-12.00 Home Produced. 1.00 pm BJ and the Bear. 1.55 Farm Progress. 2.20 Film: One That Got Away (Hardy Kruger). 4.25-4.30 News. 11.15 Celebrity Concert. 12.15 am Weather *followed by* Between the Lines.

HTV

As London except Starts 9.00 am-10.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 [illegible] Soccer With Jack Charlton. 1.00 pm One Step Ahead. 1.30 West Country Farming. 2.00 *Film: Von* Ryan's Express (Frank Sinatra, Trevor Howard). 4.30-5.30 Young Ramsay. 11.15-11.45 But What Do You Really Believe? HTV CYMRU/WALES: As general service except: 4.30-5.00 Mork and Mindy. 5.00-5.05 Cartoon. 5.05-5.30 Genesis. 6.30-6.40 News.

Anglia

As London except: 9.05 am-9.30 Masterbuilders. 11.30-12.00 Home Produced. 1.00 pm Bailey's *Bird*. 1.30 Weather. 1.35 Farming Diary. 2.05 Film: San Antonio (Errol Flynn). 4.05 Salvage. 5.00-5.30 Happy Days. 11.15 Paul Anka: Music My Way. 12.15 am Bible for Today.

Westward

As London except: Starts 9.30-10.00 Getting On. 11.00 One Step Ahead. 11.30-12.00 Home Produced. 1.00 pm Blueprint for Tomorrow. 1.15 Target *Bowls.* 1.30 *Take My Wife.* 2.00 Survival Special. 3.00-4.30 Film: Joe Dakota (Jock Mahoney). 11.15 Star Parade: Abba. 12.10 am-12.15 Faith for Life.

Yorkshire

As London except: Starts 9.00 am *Getting On.* 9.25 *Masterbuilders.* 9.55-10.00 Dick Tracy. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Home Produced. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00 pm Human Face of China. 1.30 *Food, Wine and Friends.* 2.00 *Film:* Reach for the Sky*. 4.30-5.30 Mork and Mindy. 11.15 Valentine's Day. 11.45 Five Minutes. 11.50-12.45 am New Avengers.

Ulster

As London except: Starts 11.00 am Getting On. 11.30-12.00 Home Produced. 12.58 pm News. 1.00 Survival. 1.30 Home and Design. 2.00 Out of Town. 2.30 Cartoon. 2.50-5.30 Film: Young Winston (Robert Shaw, Anne Bancroft, Simon Ward). 6.38-6.40 News. 11.15 Musical Special: Sky. 12.15 am-12.25 Bedtime.

Granada

As London except: Starts 9.30 am-10.00 This is Your Right. 11.00 One Step Ahead. *11.25 Aap Kaa Hak.* 11.30-12.00 Home Produced. 1.00 pm Chopper Squad. 1.55 Out of Town. 2.20 Words for Battle. 2.30 Film: Reach for the Sky* (Kenneth More). 5.00-*5.30 Lifetime.* 11.15-12.40 am *Film:* Death Stalk (Vince Edwards).

Grampian

As London except: Starts 9.30 am-10.00 One Step Ahead. 10.15 Amazing Years of Cinema. 10.45-11.00 Cartoon. 11.30-12.00 Home Produced. 1.00 pm Home Nursing. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Film: Reach for the Sky* (Kenneth More). 4.30-5.30 Chopper Squad. 11.15 Reflections. 11.20-12.15 Celebrity Concert: Al Martino.

Border

As *London* except: Starts 9.30 am-10.00 One Step Ahead. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Today. 1.00 Friends of My Friends. 1.25 Border Diary. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00-4.30 Film: Sundowners (Deborah Kerr, Robert Mitchum). 11.15-12.15 am New *Avengers.*

Tyne Tees

As London except: Starts 9.00 am-9.30 Talking Bikes. 11.30-12.00 Home Produced. 1.00 pm Human Face of China. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 *Film: Sundowners (Robert Mitchum,* Deborah Kerr). 4.30 Little House on the Prairie. 5.25-5.30 News. 11.15 Against the Wind. 12.15 am-12.30 Poet's Corner.

Scottish

As London except: 9.05 am-9.30 Jay Walking. 10.00-11.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Home Produced. 1.05 pm Out of Town. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Film: Doctor in Love (Michael Craig, Leslie Phillips). 3.45-4.30 Glen Michael Cavalcade. 11.15 Late Call. 11.20-12.15 am Musical Special.

ATV

As London except: Starts 9.30 am-10.00 One Step Ahead. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Today. 1.00 Music of Man. 2.00-4.30 *Film: Zulu* (Stanley Baker, Jack Hawkins). 11.45-12.15 am Star Parade: Abba.

Channel

As London except: Starts 3.00-4.30 Film: Joe Dakota. 11.15 Star Parade: Abba. 12.10 am Epilogue.

Radio

Quick Change

Now that it is halfway through, this seems a good moment to write something about Radio 1's *25 Years of Rock*: here, week by week, the hits of each succeeding year since 1955 are interspersed with a selection of its more dramatic events presented mostly in the form of snippets out of the archives and excerpts from the sound tracks of that now defunct form, the newsreel. Musically I am incompetent to judge this series and for various reasons, like shortage of time and the frivolous taking of holidays, I have heard only four or five of the 13 parts to date right the way through. So I have nothing to say either for or against the selection of music made by Stuart Grundy (series deviser) and his producer, Trevor Dann. As to the extent of my listening, I rather doubt if more would have done much to modify the impressions I have formed and the first of these is that on the whole I have been both entertained and interested.

It is of course very difficult to fail completely with any programme which adopts the *Scrapbook* format and this is what *25 Years of Rock* in one of its manifestations quite closely resembles. "Good-heavens - was - that - only 1959? - It - seems - like - last - century" leads into a soggy and nostalgic reflection on the passing of years, a frame of mind which a good deal of the music (this I can say) does plenty to encourage. That number which, according to your age and/or temperament, you regarded 20 years back as either the latest outrage or the new basic reality has very likely joined the lollipops of yesteryear along with "We'll meet again". For my second impression, I have been struck by what seems to me a pretty tenuous connexion between rock music—at least as represented here—and other world events. Sometimes one will match the other: for example, "If you're going to San Francisco" and the phenomenon of the Flower People (remember them? In 1967 they were going to change the world with love . . .). But mention of the Profumo affair (1963) is followed by "Listen, do you want to know a secret?", amusing enough in a coincidental sort of way, but also, as the many similar instances encourage, productive of a strong sense of irrelevance.

My third impression relates to all those newsreel sequences. Oh lawks, the commentaries: vacuous, cliché-ridden, patronizing, jingoistic. What sort of people were they who, in cinemas up and down the country, gave their attention and their credence to this dreadful stuff? Got a mirror handy . . .? My fourth and for the moment last impression is that from one point of view the history of the world from 1955 to last week's 1967 can be summed up in the words of Twiggy: "It changes so quickly—what I like last week, I might hate this week . . ." And that in its turn doesn't change at all.

Nostalgia has been running at full throttle this week—as is perhaps appropriate for the fortieth anniversary of the Battle of Britain. In Piers Plowright's production of that name, Spitfires and Hurricanes whizzed back and forth across my bookcase. Parts of this programme, we were told, turned up in *A Fine Blue Day* back in 1978. A good many parts, it seemed to me: strong sense of *déjà entendu*. To be fair, though, I think that those who hadn't heard the earlier very good production, will have had no complaint at all with this. *The Summer of the Firebird* (producer Sally Thompson) was another contribution to the same anniversary—a lengthy soliloquy in verse written by Group-Captain Barry Sutton in which a badly burnt fighter pilot swinging at the end of his parachute contemplates his life and situation—"so much unsure ahead, below". The pitfalls here are terrible and include pretentiousness, sentiment and banality: I think Group-Captain Sutton avoided them; more positively, he succeeded in conveying a very strong sense of the experience he had set out to explore. The reading by Martin Jarvis helped in every way.

Sir Ian Trethowan's appearance on *Tuesday Call* was a timely gesture but as it turned out very little more. In part the nature of the programme saw to that: a phone-in has no hard centre; it depends on what questions the listeners think to ask and what criteria the producer applies to their selection—one of which must be to provide a good deal of variety. Thus predictably last Tuesday we got a question about bad language and unsuitable family viewing, a topic which in the light of doubts as to how the alleged purveyor of same is to continue in his trade might have seemed superfluous. Of course the BBC's financial predicament did come up, but under several different heads and the phone-in format provides no means of combining related questions into a coherent investigation unless there is a presenter of gladiatorial instincts (which the excellent Sue MacGregor is not) who will take hold of it and drive it in the opposite direction to the one it is inclined to go. Of what the BBC's predicament implies and how it is to be alleviated last Tuesday morning told us little.

David Wade

Mrs Nassau in her New York store. . . Photograph by Howard Gray

Collecting

The lady with the Tiffany lamps

Lillian Nassau owns a store on 57th Street in New York, some distance from most of the Art Nouveau and Art Deco dealers on Madison Avenue. The store stretches back into the building and there are three basement rooms, guarded by a vigilant black man in a white coat. These rooms are crammed, bunker-like, with Tiffany lamps—leaded glass shades of designs named Wisteria, Daffodil, Dragonfly and Peony, French Art Nouveau furniture, American, French and English studio ceramics, art glass and metalwork, all fine examples.

Lillian Nassau has owned more Tiffany lamps than she can remember. Last March Christies, New York, sold a Tiffany Spider lamp for $360,000, more than double the general market price. "People have so much money they don't know what to do with it", says Mrs Nassau. "They no longer take advice from dealers but get all excited by the publicity of auction sales. The woman who bought the Spider lamp, I was told, makes $33,000 a day from her oil wells."

A romantic rags-to-riches mythology pervades the world of antique dealing. At 80, Lillian Nassau is the myth epitomized, a name to be dropped in Paris, London and New York. She was born in Warsaw of Jewish parents and was taken to New York in 1902. Her father got a job at $3.50 a week when Louis Comfort Tiffany was producing the Wisteria lamp for $300. He made good in the textile business and at 16 Lillian was driving her own car around Manhattan.

The Depression ruined her father's business and in 1932 she and her husband had to move to Long Island with their two small sons. To survive she began to go from door to door buying old gold and silver. She did well and soon people began to offer her antique furniture as well. "I said I really don't know anything about it, but I know someone who might be interested. And I went down and saw a little antique dealer who had been on Long Island for many, many years.

"I said to him, 'I'm driving a little old car. If you would like to come with me I won't charge you anything but people do offer me things that I know nothing about. You're free to buy them. I want to watch you and learn something from you.'

"That's how we started that relationship—a nice little man and a darling wife. Every time we came back from a trip she would have the samovar going with tea. They were very kind and he started me on my way."

Mrs Nassau opened her own store on 3rd Avenue in 1945 selling antiques to decorators. Louis Tiffany died in 1933 and in 1935 his 23rd Street factory was sold at auction. "The New York dealers who bought the shades took them out on the sidewalk, knocked out the glass and sold the lead by the pound. And one of those dealers is still alive to tell the story."

In the mid-fifties Mrs Nassau began to get restless in her business and when some of her talented young customers began to take an interest in American Art Nouveau she did the same. Those were the years when the Guggenheim Museum was built and Frank O'Hara at the Museum of Modern Art was organizing shows of Robert Motherwell and Jackson Pollock. "It was then that I began to buy the Tiffany glass when it came my way. I bought things like finger bowls and under plates for $5 a set and I could not get $3.50 for them. I waited and waited for years, then I got $12.50 for them. Today they bring $300 a set."

The turning point for her business came in 1958 when the Museum of Contemporary Crafts organized an exhibition of Tiffany's work. Many of the lenders had bought their pieces from her, so the Museum asked her to contribute and later directed people who wanted to buy or sell to her store. "One winter's day, a woman came into my store and asked if they were Tiffany lamps? I said yes and she said, 'I was on the bus and had to get off to find out because my grandfather was Louis Tiffany'. She remembered the old Long Island factory and she was smitten with the whole idea that somebody had revived an interest in them. We became very good friends."

Lillian Nassau now controls the largest slice of the Tiffany market. For other dealers it is almost de rigueur to have one's name linked in an apocryphal story with hers—to be outflanked or out-bid by such an adversary is to juice the flavour of saleroom gossip. She retains a light and experienced hand on the reins of power and her presence in her emporium is dramatic. "This is my stage. I always wanted to be an actress, but my father wouldn't let me. He was very wise, he said, 'I'm not going to let you sleep with any producer to get a job.' He should have let me! This is my act."

But Lillian Nassau's real skill is in business, the sense of enterprise which made her survive in a world where taste is not necessarily a successful commodity. She tells a favourite story to highlight the precariousness of her good fortune: "There was a man who owned a Tiffany lamp—this was in 1958 or 1959—and wanted to sell it, so I went over to see it.

"Not long before I had sold one exactly like it for $800. He asked $1,000 for his and I said that was too much. He said, 'but, I have to get more'. I told him: 'I'm cornering the Tiffany market. I'm paying the highest prices for Tiffany lamps. You won't get anybody to pay you more than I'm offering you.'

"He said, 'Madam. Don't corner any market. I cornered the vicuna market. That's why I have to sell the lamp'."

Isabelle Anscombe

Stanley Spencer at the RA

Stanley Spencer's Christ Preaching at Cookham Regatta: Girls Listening (1963).

"I know there's nobody like him, but does that necessarily mean he's any good?" Thus a friend of mine at the Academy's enormous Stanley Spencer show. I must say I recognize exactly what she means. There is this English thing about oddity for its own sake. And such transcendent oddity as Spencer's must surely be rewarded. (Unless, as one sometimes suspects, it is its own reward.) All the same, the fact that an artist is *sui generis* is not a dispensation from judgment. Nor, indeed, can judgment of some sort, if only the most elementary, I-like-it/I-don't-like-it, be avoided in such overwhelming circumstances. Two hundred and eighty-three works (at least) are a lot of any artist to be confronted with all at one go, especially if many of them, as in Spencer's case, are very large. They certainly set one questioning the proper criteria for appreciation.

If singularity of vision is the prime consideration, then Spencer was a very great artist indeed. There may be a certain monotonoism in these end less Resurrections set on the banks of the Industrial Clyde or amid the rural delights of Cookham: we know very soon where we are with Spencer's religious imaginings and his quirky recreation of them in terms of modern life. All those giant ballooning figures—there is one extreme instance, *The Angels of the Apocalypse*, which looks exactly like so many Goodyear blimps in drag—drawn together and forced asunder by mysterious invisible forces, all those hand-like hands and swollen feet bursting out of their shoes. They may be awful in the modern rather than the eighteenth-century sense, but they are indubitably Spencer's own; no one else has done anything at all like it, or maybe would wish have done.

So there is no denying the power of his personality in art or the consistency of his vision. His painting is intensely dynamic, often inexplicably so: what strange erotic rituals are being enacted in the long *Domestic Scenes* series of the 1930s, where behind innocent titles like *On the Landing* or *At the Chest of Drawers*, the gigantic form of Spencer's first wife, Hilda, seems bent on flattening the poor cowering artist for good. It is not the least curious aspect of this curious man's life and work that for years after his divorce from Hilda, and even after her death, he continued obsessively to paint and draw their life together. In his fusion of strong and strange eroticism with his own personal brand of religious feeling he is a bit like Eric Gill, even to the extent of keeping private erotic sketchbooks containing some of his most bizarre work—none represented at the Academy, appropriately since Munnings, ex-PRA, was instrumental in getting a number of related paintings burnt.

The wonder of Spencer at his best can hardly be denied. The early, rather Pre-Raphaelite drawings are superb, many of his straight landscapes throughout his career are intensely concrete—and incidentally very modern-looking, for what that may be worth—and there are individual paintings, like the Tate's *Leg of Mutton Nude* or the *Christ in the Wilderness* series of 1939, which go far beyond oddity and just take your breath away. Nor are Spencer's worst paintings really so distant from them in quality: he is, take him or leave him, all of a piece. The temptation is to take him and leave him, by patronizingly assigning him to a cosy pigeonhole marked "English Eccentric—Do Not Disturb". But encountered first-hand, on such a scale, he proves still much too challenging for any such easy compromise.

At Morley College we can get a clear idea of his surroundings in a fascinating show of Spencers and Carlines, in all eight artists related to Stanley or Hilda or both, plus of course the two of them. The surprise is how little most of them were influenced by the unruly giant in their midst. Hilda shows in some pre-Spencer paintings an unexpectedly Fauve quality; her brother Sydney, who died in 1929 at the age of 40, deserves on this evidence some further exploration; and both her mother, Ann Carline, and her daughter, Unity Spencer, appear to have small but quite personal gifts. The show is a footnote which should not be overshadowed by the grandeur of the main text over the river.

John Russell Taylor

Chess

Old ways change at Oldway

Of all the venues for a chess congress that I have visited, and this includes many hundreds in four continents, none exceeds in beauty and charm the Oldway Mansion and its surrounding gardens in the pleasant seaside resort of Paignton in the equally pleasant county of Devon. Not that I am suggesting that the Oldway Mansion itself is a building of classic beauty. It is a bizarre mixture of at least three different types of architecture, late baroque, Regency and Anglo-Indian, and, it must be admitted, all of the sham variety.

And yet it is still attractive with an attraction of the sort of quaint ugliness that is implied in the French description of a woman as "une jolie laide".

The main hall of the building houses the principal part of the chess congress and though I found it last week, and have nearly always found it so during the thirty years that this event has been in existence, rather too warm and airless, all this can be easily overlooked and compensated by the delightful gardens that surround the building.

I had not visited Oldway for some three years and my first day there last week started with a visit to the lily pool that is to be found just after you enter the Oldway domain by the back way. This, I remembered, had been 30 years ago the haunt of a dragonfly in whose strange geometric flight I had discerned a parallel with the baroque style of play of Aron Nimzowitsch. To my delight on my very first visit last week a dragonfly probably descended by thirty annual stages from the 1950 insect, came to greet me.

To say, however, that things were just as they were some 30 years ago with the Paignton Congress would be untrue. On the good side the congress had become much more popular and the numbers of competitors had more than trebled. Here the difficulty is rather that the organizers seem to have no room for expansion, unless I suppose the authorities make some more rooms available to the congress. This may, however, prove difficult since the municipality uses Oldway for its offices.

On the bad side it should be observed that the quality and strength of the top tournament, the Premier section, has notably and notoriously deteriorated over the years. It has lost its international flavour. This year the only foreigner was a Dutchman, Knol, who had hardly any claims to be considered as a leading Dutch player. It had also lost the competition of a select number of leading British players, a competition which it enjoyed to the full some 20 years ago.

The reason is quite obvious—money, or rather the lack of it. With a first prize of £125 as contrasted with the hundreds of pounds players can win in weekend contests Paignton cannot hope to rival the many tournaments and congresses that have proliferated in the last half a dozen years in the United Kingdom.

What therefore is wanted is the help of some kindly sponsor who is interested in maintaining a tradition of fine chess that has been built up at Paignton over the years.

Not that the play this time was uninteresting. In some respects the players made up in enthusiasm what they were deficient in skill. They, at any rate, enjoyed it. But for the onlooker, the missed opportunities, particularly in the endings, and the frequent blunders made painful watching.

Nevertheless, there were some good players there and after a time I was able to minimize the pain by selective viewing and concentrating on the games of the leaders.

Having won his first four games in the most determined and sure fashion and consolidated his lead by drawing with his nearest rival, the Lancashire player, M. J. Conroy, Dr Hempson entered the last stages of the tournament with a lead of half a point. This may not sound much, but in a short tournament lasting only a week it represented a substantial advantage and a big lead. He maintained this lead by winning an excellent combinational game against G. W. Wheeler and this meant that when the last round was reached the position was that only Conroy could overhaul him.

Dr Hempson was paired in the last round with the distinguished veteran, R. C. Noel Johnson, who had been one of the strongest players in the South of England before the Second World War and had been champion of Kent many times. If he lost the game then Conroy could even pass him and win first prize. A draw might be enough to win or, at any rate, to tie for first prize.

As it happened there was never any question of Hempson's failing to win first prize since his opponent made an indifferent position untenable by blundering in the following gamelet.

White:—Dr Hempson. Black:—Noel-Johnson. English Opening. 1.P-QB4, N-KB3; 2.N-QB3, P-K3; 3. P-K4, P-Q4; 4.P-K5, P-Q5; 5. PxN, PxN; 6.NPxP, QxP; 7.P-Q4, P-QN3; 8.B-K2, B-N2; 9.B-B3, BxB; 10.NxB, Q-Q1; 11.N-K5, B-Q3; 12.NxP, KxN; 13.Q-B3 ch, Q-B3; 14.QxR, R-KB1; 15.Q-B3, N-Q2; 16.QxQ ch, KxQ; and Black resigned.

Seeing Noel-Johnson's defeat Conroy agreed a draw with Staples since this assured him second prize at any rate. There was a share for third and fourth prizes among P. C. Griffiths, D. L. Knol, M. A. Paettejohn, M. J. Staples and G. W. Wheeler, all of whom scored 4½ points, a point below Conroy and no less than 2 points below the first prize-winner.

An agreeable feature of the tournament, designed to appeal to the average player, were two prizes for the highest placed non-prize winners with a grading of under 180 and this was shared by J. C. Cook, I. D. Hunnable and G. Stokes with 4 points each.

Some of the veterans fared badly in the latter stage of the tournament since, alas, increasing years may bring more experience and may, or may not, add to one's wisdom, but they inevitably lead to a loss of stamina. For example, the Plymouth player, R. M. Bruce, after scoring 2 points out of his first three games, acquired only one more point in the rest of the tournament. Still worse was the performance of R. Blow of Jersey. He had 2 points out of his first four games and then stopped scoring, remaining with 2 points till the end, committing a variety of errors including the mistake of putting his Queen en prise. Yet before the war he was one of the strongest, possibly the strongest of Midland players and of British Championship status.

Dr Hempson's first prize was well deserved. He is an attacking player who has always played interesting chess and certainly here he played the best chess of the tournament. The following game, which was played in the fifth round, starts slowly but suddenly livens up and Dr Hempson seizes his attacking chances with the utmost alacrity.

White: G. W. Wheeler. Black: R. W. Hempson English Opening.

1 P-QB4 P-QB4 8 P-Q3 P-K4
2 N-QB3 P-KN3 7 P-K4 KN-K2
3 P-KN3 B-N2 8 KN-K2 Q-Q
4 B-N2 N-QB3 9 Q-Q P-Q3
5 P-QR3 P-Q3

Black takes advantage of White's slow development to secure the initiative by preparing to exchange off White's KB by Q-Q2 and B-R6.

10 N-Q5 Q-Q2 11 B-N4

This is the natural follow-up of his 5th move that prepares a Queenside pawn advance; but better seems 11. B-R6.

11 .... B-R6 13 KxB N-Q5
12 P-QN4 BxB

Black delays playing P-QN3 since this would give White counter-play by P-N5 followed by P-QR4-5.

14 N(K2)-B3

After the game White thought he should have exchanged off Knights on Q4 instead of this move.

14 .... P-B4 15 N-Q5, Q-Q2
16 NxN ch QxN 17 P-B3

Passive play; better seems 17. KPxP, PxBP; 18 P-B4.

17 .... R-B2

Since 17 .... PxKP; 18 BPxP, RxR; leads to nothing for Black he prepares to increase the pressure by doubling Rooks on the KB file.

18 B-K3 N-K3

Well played; he does not want to get a position where (after White has played BxB) he has a passive Bishop as opposed to White's active Knight.

19 B-N1

A weak move; he is frightened of Black's P-B5 but a better way of dealing with the problem lay in 19 KPxP and 20 P-B4.

19 .... QR-KB1 20 Q-Q2 P-KR4

Another strong move that prepares for P-B5 and if then P-N4, PxP with N-N4 to follow.

21 NPxP QPxP 23 Q-N5
22 Q-R5 P-N3

A decentralization of the Queen, that is mistaken strategy; he needs the Queen back in the centre and should therefore play 23 Q-Q2.

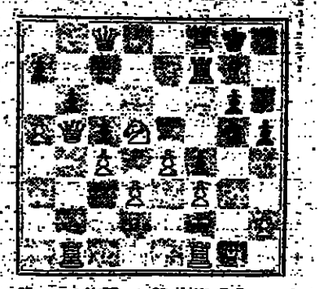
23 .... Q-B1 25 PxP
24 P-QR4 P-B5

Forced, since if instead 25 P-R5, PxP; 26 PxP, N-N4 with a winning attack.

25 .... PxP 27 K-B2
26 P-R5 N-N4

This loses and so, too, does 27 K-R1, Q-R6; but a better defence and indeed the only chance was 27 PxP, Q-R6 ch; 28 K-R1, NxBP after which there are some fascinating complications possible, eg, 29 P-N7, N-Q7; 30 P-N8=Q, NxKR; 31 RxN, QxR; when White is threatened both with Q-B6 mate and B-Q5. Nevertheless, White has possible escape moves here.

Position after 27 K-B2



27 .... NxBP 1 30 K-K1 BxB
28 KxN Q-N5 ch 31 PxP PxP
29 K-B2 B-Q5 ch 32 QxP B-Q4

Better than BxP when White has the defence R-N3.

33 Q-R5 B-B3 35 P-N7 Q-N7
34 NxB QxNP 36 R-B8 B-B6 ch
resigns.

Harry Golombek

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Travel

Sardinia, still charming the second time around

ld just lazily heads on
passport—the one that
for 20 years before it
be replaced—I am sure
would discover exactly
I first visited Olbia in
a. It was probably in
ly 1960s, but though the
date escapes me I have
nd vivid memories of my
re. Memories that came
g back, enabling me to
e past with present,
returned to Sardinia
this year.

That time ago Olbia
a tiny town. I reached it
from Sassari in a train
ound for hours along a
track which twisted
the hills. Dusing our
and cheese with fellow
s who in return shared
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ld share no conversation
Italian sweetheart was
sufficient and the thick
of dialect was no help.
was a tourist office, to
repared with my letter
oduction. But no room
Holy Inn. So I stayed in
e house which was dark
against the fierce
heat, a damp courtyard
with hydrangeas in
ate pots.

This was long before the
han came on the scene)
the Costa Smeralda
but I met one of
resentatives (was Dr
the name?) who was
turning up the right
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met a lot of Olbians
not take kindly to the
being imposed upon
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and found a couple of
men building a wall across
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up a holiday villa. He
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and the fact that it would
f all access to the beach
est hard luck. My new
ranted about the
less of foreigners, and
rily agreed with them,
ll that the purchaser
out to be an Englishman.

day I breakfasted on
and fresh rolls in a bar
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my watch) and the date
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in those Italian papers.
ountryside was empty and
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es to itself. "One day it
be different", promised
enthusiasts. "One day
will be great development
many tourists and pros-
You will not grudge us
the prosperity, surely?"

Yet the development and
tourists and the prosperity
to that part of Sardinia,
and I like to think that a few local people gained real benefit—not just in terms of wages as waiters and barmen and chambermaids. But I fear the best of it was creamed off by shrewd outsiders who turn up when ever such development takes place. And I know then the social patterns, the established lifesyles and customs of the locality, were overturned with grave results. That happens so often and, apparently, so inevitably, all over the world.

All these thoughts and many more were in my head when I made my return visit. This time I flew direct from Olbia to Geneva. This time the tour company representatives were on hand to check the vouchers and produce (after a while, some things do not change) the hire car, and on hand to suggest that I break the law just a little bit by driving out of Olbia and north to Porto Rafael where my holiday villa was situated.

Breaking the law "just a little bit" is often tempting, but I saw no reason to follow the leaflet's instruction and continue straight through red "No Entry" lines at level crossing (all locals do this to avoid an unnecessary tour of the quays). In the first place my luck would ensure that the very moment I did this would be the moment a freight train ran me down, or the local traffic police carried out a once-in-a-blue-moon check. And in the second place, I didn't think a tour of the quays was unnecessary. I like quays. So I dutifully went the legal long way round. And got lost.

Not for long. North on the N.125, by way of San Panteleo and Arzachena brought us to the N.133 and the turning from it along a winding track to Porto Rafael itself. The girl at the airport said we should stop for detailed directions at Harry's Bar (there's always a Harry's Bar, isn't there?) and those directions landed us at Villa Charles, long and low and white painted and, like most other properties, tucked neatly among the huge smooth rocks that dominate the local terrain. In there we settled with books to read and wine to drink and let the days slide easily by.

We moved about, of course. Taro Palau which has a couple of reasonably good restaurants, though it is little more than a main street leading to the ferry terminal, and around the countryside to find off the beaten track restaurants and other establishments.

We spent time talking to "locals"—British residents of Porto Rafael and thereabouts. In the main their stories were of the "characters" from the old days—including the Spaniard Rafael for whom the place is named and who, to put it mildly, seems to have led a colourful life. The best anecdote—which Mary Delane recorded in her book *Sardinia: The Undefeated Island* back in 1968—was of the time Rafael was dancing at the *Folies Bergere* and, clad only in a small gold fig leaf, was horrified to spot his father in the front row of the audience.

The local people also spoke of the Schild kidnapping, which has had a disastrous effect on tourism to Sardinia, and particularly to Porto Rafael where the Schild villa is located. I cannot see why the "ordinary" holidaymaker should feel threatened, for the Schild family were in a very different league from most of us. Their villa is worth around £300,000 and they have been regular visitors to Sardinia for something like 15 years. At the root of it all I cannot help thinking, is the hostility of reaction I encountered all those years ago in Olbia when local people felt themselves to be pushed around and exploited by rich outsiders. It does not matter whether such feelings are justified or not.

When we drove over to the resorts along the Costa Smeralda we found them half empty, and this I can understand, for the rich have reason to fear.

Be that as it may, Porto Rafael is a delightful place to spend a few easy days. We travelled there with Magic of Sardinia and I understand from Mr Philip Sheridan, the managing director, that he is offering free car hire throughout October as a means of persuading people to take late holidays there and so extend the holiday season.

I suspect that Sardinia will suffer next year, but that the reason will be simply because most destinations will suffer. (I shall have something to say on that subject in my next article, incidentally). Meanwhile it offers a great deal. Its coast and countryside are beautiful, its sea is clean and the general attitude of its people is friendly and far from grasping or "commercial". That they have been exploited in the past is not to be denied, nor is the fact that many of them resent this exploitation. But if you visit that undefeated island, as we did, you are likely to have an extremely pleasant holiday and bring back a lot of good memories.

A travel agent will no doubt tell you of the various tour companies offering holidays to Sardinia, and the Italian State Tourist Office (201 Regent Street, London, W1R 8AY) should supply general information—although tourist offices do not seem to be as efficient as some readers would like them to be. Magic of Sardinia is at 47 Shepherds Bush Green, London W12 8PS.

John Carter

A Sardinian street scene that would turn the clock back reassuringly for anyone visiting the island for the first time or returning—possibly apprehensive of the changes in store—after a long absence. Happily, too, Sardinia retains its friendly atmosphere.

Gardening

Sorting out the lilies

There has always been a kind of mystique about lilies and many folks are hesitant about buying them. This is understandable because there are many lilies that are not easy to grow and do not live long in the garden. Also, today most lily bulbs are fairly expensive but compared with other bulbs, plants or anything else we may buy, I do not think lily bulbs have increased unduly in recent years. Having said that I must say that from reputable firms lily bulbs today cost from 80p to £5 a bulb.

So I thought it worth while to sort the lilies out a bit and suggest those that we can expect to settle down, grow and hopefully increase over the years.

In our garden we have several colonies of lilies that my wife planted years ago which have increased gently and are still strong, healthy and very decorative. They include *Lilium superbum* which grows to about 6ft or 7ft and has glorious orange flowers spotted with red and red edges to the petals; *L. henryi* is pale yellow, red spotted species and *L. hansonii* is orange-yellow with brown spots.

These lilies are not fussy about soil or situation. They are growing in borders that receive a certain amount of sun for four or five every day—and their roots are sheltered from strong sun by the foliage of their neighbouring herbaceous plants.

But there are several more that I would describe as good garden lilies. Probably the best garden lily of all is *L. regale*, white with rose-purple shading on the back of the petals. It is an imperturbable lily in sun or shade, in town or country on any reasonable soil.

So is the sweetly scented, apricot-yellow *L. testaceum*. Where it is happy, *Lilium mackenii*, *L. pardalinum* and its white variety 'Album' will increase by self-sown seed. *L. pyrenaicum*, greenish-yellow with purple spots is another lily that will thrive on any soil but needs plenty of sun. It has a nasty smell but you do not have to go around smelling it. These are the lilies I would suggest you buy to start with. If you are as hooked on these beautiful plants as are my wife and I you will certainly buy more over the years, even if they do not survive in your garden for more than a year or two. Blom & Son, Leavesden, Hertfordshire, catalogue a wickedly tempting range of lovely lilies.

If you know that you will have to buy a new mower, cultivator, hedge trimmer, a heater or ventilating equipment for your greenhouse or any other expensive piece of equipment next spring I do suggest you buy it now. Some manufacturers have told their retail distributors that there will be increases in price of 15 to 20 per cent for next year's models.

Apparently many of the chain stores who have been increasingly stocking up with lawn mowers and similar machines have caught a cold this year.

They have many machines left on their hands and some will probably pull out of this market for next year. I will not grieve too much about this because choosing a motor mower or a cultivator is not, like marriage, something to be undertaken lightly. If I were looking for a powered mower—an expenditure of £100 at least—I would want to be very sure that I was buying exactly the machine to do the job I want it to do in my garden. Hopefully I would like to see more specialist firms setting up where you can go and see a large range of machines. There I would obtain advice about the machines most suited for my purpose, arrange for a demonstration of the most appropriate machines in my own garden and after I had bought the machine I would know that I was assured of first class after sales service during the guarantee period.

If you buy at cut prices from the chain stores and if they do not give after sales service, or if they sell you a machine that is not really what you ought to have bought, or that your wife could not use in an emergency then you have only yourself to blame. Find if possible a specialist firm that carries a wide range of machines. This advice to seek out specialist firms does not only apply to garden machinery distributors. There are specialist firms for hardy plants, fruit trees and bushes, bulbs, trees, shrubs and many other plants, also for garden tools and other sundries.

It is inevitable as I have often pointed out that with increasing production costs general nurserymen are tending to reduce the number of varieties they grow. They cannot afford to propagate a batch of, say, some highly desirable but little known fruit tree only to have to put a quarter of them on the bonfire after five years. Garden centres tend to stick to only the "fast selling" lines—ie, commoner varieties that the public know by name. Hence it is more than ever desirable that specialist nurseries should be supported.

A most useful publication is *Green Pages, A Guide to the Nurseries and Garden Centres of the British Isles* by Veronica Crichton and Maud Crawford (Granada Publishing, £3.95). It contains over 1,000 entries giving the location of nurseries and garden centres in your area, and lists of specialist growers, so that if you wish to buy nerines, nymphaeas, narcissi, nectarines or indeed practically any type of plant, sources of supply are easily found. There are also lists of horticultural and other societies and a list of advice and service centres.

One of the most useful and most admired plants in our garden at the moment is *Rudbeckia nitida* 'Herbstsonne' (Autumn Sun). This splendid herbaceous plant has lovely single yellow flowers about 4in across with a green central cone. In our garden one old established clump is about 9ft high, while another clump, divisions planted last autumn, is about 7ft high. It must be said that these plants are growing in a border backed by an east-facing hedge and all plants tend to grow rather taller than they would in a more open sunnier situation.

But we do not mind them growing so tall because we can grow many other plants around and beneath them—Michaelmas daisies, paeonies, phloxes, hemerocallis, Christmas and Lenten roses, eryngiums, hostas, oriental poppies, tulips and daffodils, dahlias and chrysanthemums, all these and more could be planted with the rudbeckia soaring above them.

For several reasons I have tended to take a poor view of the mania of the world's seed trade for producing more and more dwarf varieties of flowers.

I will not bore you again with my reasons. But one dwarf novelty, *Calendula* 'Family Circle' I hail as a splendid variety both for the garden and to grow as a pot plant. Sown now, potted and overwintered in a cold frame it will flower next April or May. Or it may be sown in the new year and grown on to flower in pots next summer. The strain contains a pleasing mixture of orange, yellow and salmon shades and the bushy plants grow to about 1ft in height.

Looking back over this peculiar summer one of our successes has again been the yellow *Calceolaria rugosa* 'Sunshine'. It is a superb plant for tubs, window boxes, hanging baskets or indeed for ordinary bedding. It grows 1ft high and since late May has always been covered with heads of small golden yellow flowers. Seed sown in a greenhouse in January or February will produce flowering plants by early summer. Good can, of course, propagate it from cuttings rooted now in a mixture of half peat and half sand.

Roy Hay

Bridge

Shifting your guard

After all that has been written about menacing cards and combinations, we still find a few new versions of the situation in which one defender must be forced to surrender his protection in one suit to provide the guard for another suit which is superficially protected by the other defender.

The potential of a shifting squeeze should now be foreseen as soon as dummy has appeared, but this is not the case. Much will depend on the size of the initial lead, on the two suits which are vulnerable to attack by means of a finesse in a third suit, and on the ability of the declarer to appreciate the fundamental rule of distribution. Where a defender must preserve his length in one suit he will either be short elsewhere or find that he must transfer protection to a partner who is equally subject to a squeeze. All the elements in a straightforward exercise of pressure are present in the declarer's play below.

North-South game; dealer West.

♠ A Q 10 8
♡ A J 5
♢ Q 10
♣ K 10 7 4

♠ 6 — ♠ 2
♡ K 10 3 — ♡ 9 8 7 2
♢ A 9 5 4 2 — ♢ K 8 7 3
♣ Q J 9 5 — ♣ A 8 6 2

♠ K J 9 7 6 4 3
♡ Q 6 4
♢ J 5
♣ 3

West	North	East	South
1 No trump	Pass	2 Spades	Pass
3 Spades	Pass	4 Spades	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the ♣Q and was allowed to hold the trick. Despite his partner's encouraging ♣6 he recognized that for him to play a second club was likely to be fatal; so he led the ♢A followed by a small diamond. East won with his ♢K and switched to his ♠2.

With no more trumps to draw, the declarer set about the establishment of a trick in clubs. He ruffed a club, returned to dummy with a trump and ruffed another club in the hope that the ♣A might fall.

Declarer had now thrown away his chance of the contract, by failing to transfer the menace in clubs (the ♣A) to West. It had been apparent from the beginning that a successful finesse in hearts was essential, so declarer had to assume that on his lead of a heart the ♡J would hold the trick. His only hope of a tenth trick lay in finding West with the guard in clubs and he should, assuming that the ♣Q was supported by the ♣J, have led the ♣K from dummy and ruffed East's ♣A.

It then becomes apparent that when declarer having the ♡AJ5 and ♣10 7 in dummy plays his penultimate trump before taking the heart finesse (if he has not already taken it) West must discard either his ♣J or ♡10 on the last trump. According to which discard he takes, declarer throws the loser from dummy. If, as is probable, West throws his small heart, declarer takes the last two tricks with the ♡A and ♡Q. The opening lead combined with the position reached at trick 6 made the squeeze elementary. But it is not always foreseen that there is only one winning line.

A similar position came about in a Paris tournament at Deauville some years later. The declarer brought about an end-play which was bound to succeed against any defence if he took care to check the intermediate cards in a suit.

North-South game; dealer North.

♠ K Q J 6
♡ K Q J
♢ A Q 9 6
♣ A 6

♠ 4 — ♠ 7
♡ 10 9 8 4 3 — ♡ 7 6 5
♢ 10 3 — ♢ K J 5 2
♣ 10 5 4 2 — ♣ K Q J 7 3

♠ A 10 8 5 3 2
♡ A 2
♢ 8 7 4
♣ 9 8

North opened the bidding with two No Trumps and South ended in Six Spades after having taken the usual precautions to ensure trump control and aces. The partners had used transfer bids (South bidding Three Hearts to keep North's hand concealed) and met with few problems. East led the ♣K or ♣Q and North discarded South's losing club on a winning heart after drawing trumps, played the ♢8 to the ♢10, ♢Q and ♢K. East found himself end-played with no alternative to a diamond return or a ruff and discard.

Where South's responses were natural and he played Six Spades, a more interesting situation developed when West led the ♢10, covered by East with the ♢K. A switch to the ♣K gave the defenders a chance when declarer took the same line as when the opening had been a club.

Almost all the defenders discarded a club on the third heart and then relied on fixing East with the lead by playing dummy's ♣6 and relying on East following with the ♣J or ♣Q. Naturally, East preferred to rely on his partner to take the club trick, so South was forced to ruff the club and finesse the ♢8 or ♢9 which lost to East's ♢J.

A superior defence was found by one of our best players against whom West opened the ♢10. He foresaw that after the opening lead had drawn the ♢Q and ♢K, the only diamond which interrupted his sequence in the suit—A 9 8 7 6—was the ♢J which, in the absence of a Rusinow Conventional Opening (the lower of two touching honours) was likely to be with East.

So, instead of discarding his losing club on dummy's third heart after having drawn trumps, he discarded a diamond on the long heart. He then cashed the ♢A and played the ♢9, which East covered with the ♢J. Dummy's ♢6 was now established for the discard of South's losing club and the declarer successfully brought home the slam.

On the subject of the conventional Rusinow lead, which is occasionally announced before a duplicate match, it is sometimes not known to the victims that, if it is made from doubleton touching honours, the lead from that suit should be the higher honour card. From a longer suit, but only in the case where Rusinow has been announced, the second-ranking honour is led as, say, the K from A K or A K Q or 9 from 10 9 8. The convention was invented to remove the ambiguity of the standard lead which is played from A K and K Q, unless the A K happen to be bare. Fortunately, Rusinow has scarcely crept out into rubber bridge.

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Philip Howard on the qualities that make the Codex Leicester so desirable

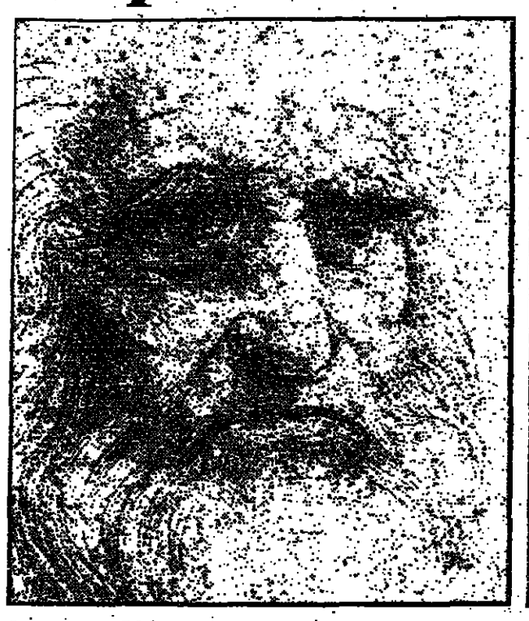
The power of Leonardo the writer

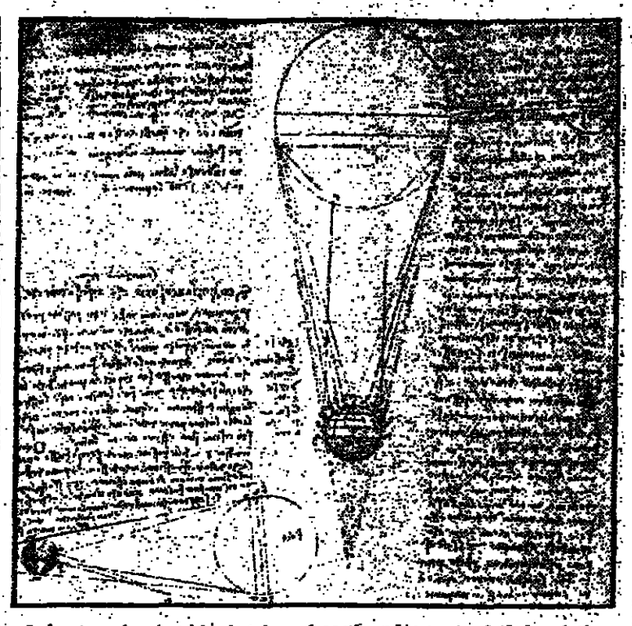
Leonardo da Vinci was the archetypal Renaissance man: painter, sculptor, architect, musician, engineer, at times he seems not one but all mankind's epitome. As a writer he did not rate himself highly. He liked to style himself *omo senza lettere*, and wrote in his notebooks: "The poet ranks far below the painter in the representation of visible things, and far below the musician in that of invisible things." In fact his prose is conspicuous and perspicuous for its directness, lack of artificiality, and clarity.

His writings are fragmentary and mainly scientific, and were not intended for publication. They were written in cryptograms, mirror-writing, or from right to left, and illustrated by drawings, which he found more expressive than words. After his death the manuscripts were scattered, and have only partly been recovered.

Whatever else it is, the Codex Leicester, to be auctioned in December, is not a good read. If the auctioneers are to be taken seriously in describing it as "one of the most important manuscripts in the world", they must be referring to its importance to art historians for dating Leonardo's stylistic development the quantity of drawings it contains, and the millions they expect it to fetch in the saleroom.

The Codex is composed of 36 sheets (that is, 72 pages) in folio, measuring about 299 x 225mm. Most pages consist of a main body of writing with long lines, leaving a narrow space by the right margin for illustrations (often diagrammatic) and additional comments. The 360 drawings are sometimes placed at the bottom and in a few instances also across the page.





Leonardo da Vinci's self-portrait and a detail from the Codex Leicester, showing his sketches of earth and moon and their relationships to the sun.

Compiled about 1508, the Codex is a collection of notes on water and cosmology, digressing into such related subjects as astronomy. It is discursive. On page 2 Leonardo writes, disarmingly: "Therefore you will not wonder nor will you laugh at me, Reader, if here I make such great jumps from one subject to the other."

The central theme is water, which Leonardo describes as *vetturale della natura*, Nature's carrier. Water leads him into astronomy, because he believed that there was water on the moon. That leads to light and shade, during which discussion he explains correctly the phenomenon of the moon's secondary light, the *lumen cinereum*. That leads to mechanics and hydrology: "Impetus produces percussion, which is one of the greatest powers to appear in Nature." On, on to a vast cosmology to explain the effects produced by moving water in the earth and sky, the origin of vapours and clouds, and a deal about atmospheric aspects and activities. Hydrodynamics leads to a demonstration of how the changes in natural scenery are brought about by rivers, floods, landslides, and earthquakes.

And so to problems of geology, which develop into a polemical discussion of the Flood in *Genesis*, ending with a correct explanation of the presence of sea shells on mountains far away from the sea: "Above the plains of Italy where flocks of birds are flying today, fishes were once moving in large shoals." Associated topics discussed on the nature ramble are the colour of the sky, bubbles, and siphons; dams, drainage of swamps, canalization, lock-gates, and pile-driving.

In a famous passage anticipating submarines, Leonardo mentions safety measures that can be used by a man swimming, including a snorkel. However, he refuses to describe his method of remaining under water, "by reason of the evil nature of men, who would use them as means of destruction at the bottom of the sea, by piercing a hole in the bottom, and sinking them with the men in them."

It is not great literature. It is interesting and important to see Leonardo's mind wrestling with the problems of the universe, and solving some of them. The Codex has been fundamental to the daring and assessment of Leonardo's drawings. It contains 360 Leonardo drawings, which, however technical, do not come cheap these days. Dr Carlo Pedretti, Professor of Art History at the University of California, who has written the introduction to the sale catalogue, claims that the Codex is linked conceptually to the backgrounds of Leonardo's paintings: "Without the Codex Leicester the background of the Monna Lisa would not exist." And there is indeed a good deal of assorted water sloshing around behind the wife of Zanoki del Giocondo.

Dr Pedretti says: "The Codex belongs to the whole world. If it goes to America, it will be well kept there. Perhaps little new study of the Codex is needed." It is a famous manuscript. Anything from Leonardo's own hand, alla mancina, is priceless. But up in his celestial work-room Leonardo must be giving a Gioconda-smile at the mercenary uproar.

The simple truth about legionnaires' disease

The death of a 46-year-old man from legionnaire's disease—together with five other cases among British tourists who had stayed in a hotel in Benidorm—was thought important enough for it to be first item on many of the BBC news broadcasts this week. Newspapers and other commentators talked of the "mystery virus" and the little known disease, giving an impression of a sinister illness, ill-understood and threatening. Why has the incident had so much public attention?

On the day the Benidorm tourist died, 20 men and women—mostly young—died in road accidents, 120 died of lung cancer, and 250 of stroke, so it cannot have been the death itself that made headline news. Each year over 1,000 travellers return to Britain with malaria, and 10 or more die; so the foreign travel cannot have been the key. In an average year there are a few deaths in Britain from psittacosis, Weil's disease, and coccidioidomycosis, so it cannot have been the rarity or obscurity of the disease.

No: for some reason legionnaire's disease has caught the imagination of the world of journalists (which is not necessarily the same as the attention of the public). A few other unusual or exotic diseases provoke the same reflex response. Lassa fever—a virus disease found in West Africa—is (mistakenly) thought to be invariably fatal. Rabies is portra as a terrifying prospe although the French a Americans have learnt to l with the disease and than deaths are most unusual those countries. In the sa vein, every recent heart tra plant operation has been p on the public record, thou the operation is no more ris for the patient than ma others, and in fact patien given a new heart have a bett chance of seeing their ne birthday than those unde operations for lung cancer.

What about legionnaire disease, however? It has not ing to do with glamoro French garrisons in the Sahar The name comes from an ou break of illness among delegate at the Pennsylvania St American Legion in Philad phia in 1976. The four-day co vention was attended by 3,6 delegates; 183, mostly elderl fell ill with chest pains, coug and a high fever, and 29 die All manner of bizarre theori were advanced as the tim from food poisoning to a pollution, but eventually deat were shown to be due to previously unknown bacteriu *Legionella pneumophil* which is not a virus and is o longer a mystery, had elude pathologists for two reasons: does not grow on the usu laboratory culture media and is visible under the microscop only with special staini techniques. Once these tect niques became known, howeve doctors found that *Legionell* had been around for a lon time. Pathologists like to thin of themselves as the fine arbiters in medical controversy, the priests of the temple o truth, and ever since freezer have been readily availabl they have stored away speci mens from the patients the have examined post-mortem. S any pathologist who had in vestigated an unusual outbreak of pneumonia dug into hi freezer for another look. So far the earliest proved outbreak o legionnaire's disease seems to have been in 1943. Not many freezers have specimens from the 1930s. All manner of mysterious microbes such as the "Pittsburgh pneumonia agent" have now been shown to be *Legionella*.

Outbreaks occur in hotels, hospitals, and other institutions with large water storage systems, for the bacterium lives in water. Often it is found in the cooling water of air conditioning plants. Most people who come into contact with *Legionella* are not noticeably unwell, but those with chronic chest diseases—often heavy smokers—seem more susceptible. Those who develop pneumonia may become very ill, but treatment with the antibiotic erythromycin is usually effective.

Much more dangerous for heavy smokers

None of this medical background accounts for the exceptional interest legionnaire's disease has caused. The explanation lies in the attitude o the British newspapers and broadcasting services to medicine. What news editors like is a story with impact—so the required elements are mystery, blood, or scandal. Apart from mystery infections, few medical events qualify; but there are some predictable exceptions.

Top of the list are new cures—preferably for cancer, but also for multiple sclerosis and a handful of other recognizable diseases. Tropical diseases don't count. Nor does it matter whether the cure works, so long as someone has claimed it does.

Next comes spectacular operations. Transplants are still going strong; reattachment of severed arms has suddenly become fashionable. Plastic surgery comes and goes.

The third perennial newsmaker is drug causes of deformities or cancer. Again, no one seems to care that most such accusations—contraceptive pills, saccharine, and most recently Debendox—may later prove false; the voicing of suspicion makes the headlines.

What do not make headlines are the slow, unspectacular advances made in our understanding of common diseases and their prevention, in the reduction of deaths and deformities in babies, and the tremendous improvements in the results of treatment of cancers such as Hodgkin's disease. Areas of concern such as the importance of animal fats in heart disease are treated by giving platforms to exponents of views at one or other extreme of the spectrum of opinion rather than to a balanced middle of the road viewpoint.

Britain lags behind many other western countries in its attitudes to preventive medicine. We have high speed limits on our roads allow children and adults to cross them wherever they like, have no law on seatbelts, and put all sorts of obstacles in the way of police control of drunken driving. Alcohol is widely available and cheap, so are cigarettes; and the food we eat is, in nutritional terms, appalling. Much of this indifference by society to medical opinion reflects the belief of the communication media that medical news should divert or entertain but not educate or inform. The important message about legionnaire's disease is that, like most chest diseases, it is much more dangerous for heavy smokers.

Dr Tony Smith
Medical Correspondent

Fred Emery

Waiting in the wings, an ominous spectre for Mrs Thatcher

Looming ahead, as yet hardly scratching the surface of public debate, is that most unpleasant of all government U-turns, the need to raise taxes again

Deriding Mrs Thatcher last week, Mr Denis Healey—indulging his talent for phrase making—scoffed that "it might take a U-turn to put her back on course!" The former Chancellor, in a column in the *Evening Standard* which few senior Cabinet ministers admit to having noticed, was in good form in making predictably merry with the Government's inability to get hold of the money supply.

Well, thank heavens in this rather uptight Government there are some senior Cabinet ministers who cannot restrain wry guffaws at the mess the banking figures seem to have made of the Government's pet arguments. Not the policies, mind you; just the arguments.

However the laughing will not last long. And it seems doubtful if Sir Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England, was ever at all amused. He got a bawling out from Mrs Thatcher for both his failure to warn what was coming and for the bank's supposed half-heartedness which left him shaken and furious; it still reverberates around the corridors and salons. For the first time in my hearing close supporters of the Prime Minister are saying she is overdoing the blaming. And while they insist she is not rattled, they admit that she needs some sturdy reassurance.

What she seems to be getting must be very much what she wants to hear. Press harder, and more closely hauled into the coming storm; no change of policy, no change of crew. Be even bolder to get more quickly to the other side of the deepening recession. Ignore the infuriations of money figures; be deaf to the jeers about U-turns.

Has not Mr William Whitelaw shown the way with his reversal of his decision over Welsh on the fourth TV channel? The tougher we are now, the quicker we shall be out of the wood in time for the election. So say some of those close to her who worry that the greatest danger is that the Government may dither.

Being deciphered, the prospect is fairly vivid. Two of the inner group of Cabinet ministers running economic policy, or totally supporting it, Mr John Biffen and Mr David Howell last week reiterated that the fight against inflation was paramount. "If defeat of inflation is not given the first and overriding priority it will destroy all other policies", said Mr Howell. That much is gospel. But to make clear that he, at least is not a prisoner of doctrine, Mr Biffen explained how he and Tories like him "deeply agnostic about certainties in policies or certainties in economics". He has always spoken of the years of austerity ahead and therefore is the last man to be put off when the figures do not tidily comply with the theory of monetarists like Professor Milton Friedman.

Second, confirmation that Mrs Thatcher's crew stays intact came, if it were needed, in Lord Thorneycroft's intention to stay for at least another year as chairman of the Conservative Party. Apparently Mrs Thatcher agreed before the recess that there need be no Cabinet reshuffle this year, although junior ministers should stand by for switches to keep them encouraged.

So what will be toughened up and battened down? The record of this Government, such as it is, is to turn Dourer rather than softer when things are not working. Witness last year's second round of spending cuts.

Now something more has to be done to cut drastically government borrowing and to allow interest rates to go down. And the urging is to tackle government spending where it really matters—by the billions not the millions of pinching cuts—and that is in pay. The target has not yet been fixed for the coming year's rise but there is word that it ought not to be more than six per cent, Yes, six per cent.

Will this not smack of "norms", of an incomes policy to which the Government has supposedly turned its face? Indeed, it will; "but to hell with the definitions, she was elected to win not to render account of how the battle was fought" said one of those who is relishing the fight.

The risks are being assessed. Memories of Ted Heath's and Jim Callaghan's defeats are being reexamined. But those raring to go insist that popular attitudes are being transformed by the recession. Compared with the high settlements in the private sector which broke Mr Callaghan's five per cent, today it is in the private sector that new settlements of five to six per cent are being accepted. Far from being sympathisers of the lower paid in the public service, private sector workers would be counted as allies of the Government's efforts.

Of course the Government will not pick a fight with the miners, the power workers or anyone else with industrial muscle. The nationalized industries will be left largely alone. But in government and local government service, say the proponents, a strike can be resisted and defeated the way (it is often forgotten) Mr Callaghan defeated the firemens' strike in 1977-78.

The added advantage of such an approach, say its advocates, is that the Government will be helped to reduce borrowing more quickly than by any other route. For looming ahead, as yet hardly scratching the surface of public debate, is the spectre of that most unpleasant of all government U-turns, the need to raise taxes again.

Mr Enoch Powell was the first of the monetarist school to say that taxes would have to be raised to meet the increased public spending incurred in a recession. Labour, of course, believes that income taxes should never have been cut.

To increase them would be anathema to Mrs Thatcher's Government. The cuts were a central plank in winning the election, the intended incentive and stimulus to revitalize Britain. The first budget's cuts were promised as the first instalment.

But the debate over government policies is bound shortly to come hard up against the burgeoning of government borrowing. Some ministers agree it might run as far as £1,500m over its £8,500m target this year. And remember, in the Government's strategy the PSBR is supposed to be on the down escalator, falling year after year.

There is, say the authorities, little reasonable prospect of further cuts in departmental spending to help meet the target. Even the tight pay policy in prospect might not help in time. And so, in order to stay on course, as the Government vows it must what cannot be cut would have to be made up with revenue.

It is a little early to suggest what might be decided, but speculation is encouraged around increasing personal taxation such as employees' National Insurance contributions; it might have to be income tax.

There will be an almighty and ferocious intra-Conservative debate before things get this far. But if it is staying on course that is so crucial then Mr Healey's libe might have been nearer the truth than he imagined.

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Letter from Jerez

A little bother at the fiesta

On the final day of the Fiesta de la Vendimia here in Jerez hundreds of doves took to the air amid the clamour of the steeple bell of the beautiful seventeenth century Colegiata Cathedral as the first must of the newly picked grapes flowed from the ceremonial pressing trough.

The priest who had blessed the grapes waited patiently for his accustomed glass of sherry. The band struck up the city's own wine anthem. The crowd applauded. The new wine was born.

There was cause for celebration. It had not been an easy birth. The annual fiesta commemorating the grape harvest in one of the world's oldest and greatest wine-producing districts had actually begun before there was anything to celebrate.

Every year Jerez invites scores of guests from a particular country or geographical area to join the locals in the colourful festival. This year it was Austria's turn. Yet as Austria's ambassador to Spain, Herr Wolfgang Schallenberg, joined the Austrian Secretary of State for Agriculture, Dr Albin Schoeber, in a toast to Jerez and its wine on the opening day the grapes hung untouched on the vines and, unknown to the merrymakers the tractors of small vineyard owners blocked roads outside the city and barred grape-pickers from getting on with the job.

The trouble, it need hardly be said, was over money. Some vineyards in the sherry district are owned by the wineries but the majority, most of them small but many of excellent quality, by individuals who work in the larger vineyards as well. They are specialists since the Palomino grape which grows in the chalky Albariza soil in the area is one of the most pampered in the world and requires intensive cultivation to produce a good wine.

Just as they do every year members of a joint committee of vineyard owners and winery representatives had met earlier to recommend a price for the grapes. They settled on the equivalent of about 12p a kilo—only minimally higher than last year. One faction of the vineyard owners refused to accept it, claiming that it was not enough to compensate them for the higher cost of fertilizers and other essentials.

Just before the inaugural parade several busloads of guests from Austria and elsewhere visited an Austrian exhibit set up at a local school before going on to the Wine Palace, the headquarters of the Sherry Council, which makes sure that sherry lives up to its name.

The visitors were kept longer than scheduled at the school.

The delay, they later learned, was a reaction to a noisy demonstration outside the Wine Palace by the small vineyard owners and to efforts by the demonstrators to hold up the parade with its majorettes and its decorated floats, including one with a Tyrolean band aboard, its members fitted out in the blazing heat in heavy Alpine garb complete with feathered felt hat.

With little effort police cleared the route and the show went on, the crowd cheering as the float carrying the queen of the festival and her court passed by.

Just at the end of the fiesta week, as girls in polka-dotted ruffled dresses swirled to the music of *Sevillanas* throughout the fairground and the band at the Austrian stand oompahed its waltzes and marches, the furious social ferment died down suddenly having run its course like the new must in its vigorous first fermentation.

Farm workers went out in the fields harvesting the pale green and gold grapes. The strike was over, surprisingly without any significant concessions from either side in the dispute.

For some it was because ripened grapes lose weight on the vine in the hot sun and if they should become spoiled they would be unsaleable at any price. Many Jerezanos, however, like to think the timely settlement was the work of Saint Gines, patron of the bodegas, whose job in looking after what the locals are convinced is the best wine in the world is at least as important as that of the Sherry Council.

Harry Debelius

Sportsview

Football's murky past

Recent misbehaviour by those who watch and play Association Football has been widely covered in the press and on television. The impression given is of much increased violence, but is that so? In the same way, are there more earthquakes and hurricanes than there used to be, or is it only that modern communications spread the news of their existence more quickly and broadly across the world?

Before the 1970s football's miscreants consisted of enthusiasts who fought over the issues on the pitch. Much of it was good dirty fun.

The irony is that football's ancestor of the middle ages was seen as a threat to British civilization not because of its particular unsociable nature but because it was said to divert the population from military practice. Football historians delight in recalling that the sport thrived despite royal decrees by Edward III, Richard II and Henry IV. Queen Elizabeth stopped street football but Stubbs merely recorded that it was "a friendlie kind of fighting".

Organized football of the late nineteenth century moved the emphasis from unruly ball chasers to spectators who at first conducted themselves with "decorum", as an 1895 periodical described a crowd of Luton Town followers arriving in London for a match at Millwall. Later, when misbehaviour did occur, it could almost always be related to activities on the field or be blamed on overcrowded grounds. Today neither of those influences can account for more than a small proportion of our problems.

It is nothing new for the Football Association to take disciplinary action against clubs. In 1895 Woolwich Arsenal's ground was closed for six weeks and the team ordered to play beyond a six-mile radius because a referee was attacked. Two years earlier the crowd at Nottingham Forest invaded the pitch when West Bromwich Albion won the match in eight minutes that the referee added to the game.

In a fine record of those times (*Association Football and English Society, 1863-1915**, Tony Mason quotes the *Preston Herald* of 1884 when the referee of a game at Bolton reported: "I cannot tell you why there was such a marked feeling of hostility against the visitors, but before they landed at the field there were several of the loafers in the streets who hoped they would get their . . . necks broken before the game was over, and immediately the game had started I could see very plainly that there was too much enmity all along the ranks of spectators for the contest to be played in an amiable spirit.

"I found myself being cursed and sworn at by a body of dirty low blackguards who stood at the goal and touchline nearest the entrance gates, and who threatened to smash my (adjective) jaw when the game was over".

The referee complained that afterwards he was "tackled by a flock of infuriated beings in petticoats supposed to be women, who without doubt were in some cases mothers, if I may judge from the innocent babes suckling at their breasts. They brandished their umbrellas and shook their fists in my face, voting me everything that was bad, and before I got off the ground I was shied at by someone.

"Before I had got away from the mob another being—again a female—struck me on the back with her gingham and invited the dirty-nosed little rascals, who spoil every match they go to, to crush me." He reported the matter to the Lancashire Association and threatened to take the culprits to court.

Reports of hooliganism between rival spectators of that time show that trouble generally occurred only at important matches attended by large crowds, such as in the 1886 FA Cup semi-final tie between Small Heath and West Bromwich Albion when "hostilities" were reported among "the great unwashed". A year later a crowd of 2,000 "howling roughs" attacked Preston players.

There is no record of premeditated attacks on spectators before matches and this seems to be a fairly new phenomenon. The violence of the early 1970s was usually restricted to groups of identifiable "supporters" of opposing clubs. That is no longer the case and, what is more, hooliganism, known for a while as a "British disease", is certainly not confined to British spectators. In the past few years violence has occurred from The Netherlands to the Soviet Union; and violence in South America is a subject in itself.

The relevance of looking back into history is the lesson that those who believe that present day incidents can all be blamed on the actions of players or club allegiance are obviously living in the past.

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DANGER FROM AN OLD RIVALRY

nsion between Iran and Iraq reached dangerous levels. ere is talk of war in the air. e potential *casus belli* is the tt al-Arab waterway, which is between the two countries. *m the Tigris and Euphrates* rs to the Persian Gulf. The terway has long been a subject dispute, the more so since it an to be used to transport oil m both sides. Five years ago then Vice-President of Iraq, ldam Husain, reached agree- nt over the Shatt al-Arab with Shah of Iran at an Opec eting in Algiers. This week Mr sain, now President of Iraq, laterally abrogated that ty, which Iranian leaders had ently declared to be null and l in any case.

t does seem rather ridiculous two countries should appar- ly be on the verge of war over question of whether the der should be drawn "at the dian line at the point of simum depth"—which was 1975 agreement—or some re else. But the quarrels ch are the immediate cause military conflict often are culous in themselves. They the spark which sets alight mouldering accumulation of filities and resentments built ever many years.

his is the case with Iran and . In part their rivalry is an ect of the ancient and more eral rivalry between Arabs Persians. In more recent ns, it has to do with the local agonisms which broke out e Britain had stated its ntion of abandoning its role as a great power in the Gulf region at the end of the nineteen sixties.

With Britain gone, the Shatt al-Arab dispute intensified, and accusations of plots and counter plots flew between Tehran and Baghdad. Iraq complained bitterly when Iran seized three small Arab islands in the mouth of the Gulf. It also accused Iran of stirring up the Kurdish minority in Iraq, and the two countries came close to war in 1974, when Iran gave open military help to the Kurdish rebels in Iraq led by Mustafa Barzani.

It was the Kurdish question as much as navigation rights which dominated the peace talks between the Shah and Saddam Husain in Algiers. In effect, Iraq agreed to a line down the Shatt al-Arab closer to the Iranian side, in return for a promise from the Shah to withdraw support from the Kurdish rebels. The promise was kept, the Kurdish rebellion collapsed, and Barzani was forced into exile.

What threw the 1975 agreement into question was the fall of the Shah eighteen months ago. The new Iranian leaders were naturally suspicious of any commitment entered into by the hated monarch, while Saddam Husain seized the chance to disown the treaty as "unfair", even though he had himself signed it. Hostility between the Ayatollah's regime and the Iraq leadership intensified in April this year, when thousands of Iranians were expelled from Iraq. Iranian forces were placed on alert. There have since been reports of serious border fighting involving planes and tanks, especially near the Iranian province of Khuzestan, which is populated by Arabs. The latest fighting began when Iran ignored an Iraq demand that Iranian troops should withdraw from a disputed border area.

Up to a point, it clearly suits President Husain to have the eyes of the world on Iraq as an emerging power in the region. He has long aspired to the role of leader of the Arab world, and has appealed to other Arab nations to support him in his current conflict with Iran. Under Husain's leadership, Iraq has also increasingly turned away from the Soviet Union and towards the West.

Neither the West nor the Arab world has an interest in raising tensions in the area—quite the reverse—but there is always a danger that, with the once-powerful Iranian armed forces weakened by the revolution, Iraq may feel confident enough to attack. Western pressures could help to discourage this but there are also internal pressures in Iraq which ought to work against over-confidence. President Husain knows that the Shia Muslims in his country strongly sympathize with the Iranian revolution and would take advantage of any upheaval to advance their grievances. So too would the Kurds, who form a significant minority in both countries and nurse justified bitterness over repeated betrayals of their cause.

OUGH JUSTICE FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

was something of a damp ib in the end. For months, ulously fostered rumours on sides had been building up forthcoming moment of h, when Mr Michael Heseltine would use his new powers—yet his, strictly speaking—to *orce economic discipline upon* fligate councils, or alternaly to crush local accountabi- under the *tyrannous dictates* Whitehall. Mr Heseltine was er pressure within the ernment to make a con- ious example of the councils made the most of Thursday's ouncement, while the repre- atives of the local authority ations, two out of three ng Tory—made the most of ir hurt feelings. Meanwhile, Roy Hattersley hastened to use the Government of acting constitutionally.

behind all the rhetoric things clear-cut. Mr Heseltine to begin his indictment a lamely by announcing that unprecedented cuts in man- er that he had demanded e now beginning to appear— ite sooner, in fact, than might e been expected. Local gets for the current year, thermore, had now been cut so far that overall spending quite likely to fall within the its he had requested. Councils ays allow a margin for error heir budgets, and if they have e so at the usual rate they achieve what he asked. The h is that local government as hole is unavoidably slow to end to national economy res, but it always does resd and more successfully than tral government departments. owever, Mr Heseltine rightly ned to be sure. Treasurers e working to tighter mar- this year after twice rewrit- their budgets. The control of lic spending has become a ter of greater urgency in nt months. So the Secretary State will hold back £200m n the additional grant regularly paid at this time of year to allow for inflation. If the limit is met he will release the sum in a year's time. Set against the overall rate support grant of £13,300m, the amount withheld is marginal. Councils will be able to borrow to tide them over the delay. It is a gesture, a highly publicized and appropriate reminder not to relax.

The more significant and novel part of the plan is the action against individual councils. Ideally, governments should confine their interest in local spending to the aggregate, which is an important element in overall public expenditure. But it is demoralizing for local government if councils which disregard appeals for economy are actually rewarded by the grant mechanism, as they are at present. It is right to correct such distortions, if possible, and the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill is intended to make it possible. The right way to do it, in principle, is to send the council back to seek the excess revenue from their ratepayers, who can vote them down if they disapprove. This is what is planned. There is nothing unconstitutional, as Mr Hattersley alleges, in announcing how the Government mean to use the powers they can confidently expect to possess by November: Mr Heseltine gave councils fair warning many months ago what the situation would be.

It is difficult to feel that any of the councils at risk of being penalized by the transitional provisions will have suffered undeservedly. Their rate levels are grossly above the average, their efforts to cooperate with the appeal for economies have been grudging, and they include among their number several notorious for thoughtless extravagance.

But there is room for misgivings both about the practical effects and about the wider implications. If the councils involved make up their lost grant by raising their rates it is their disenfranchised local business communities not the protected householders, who will bear the brunt. (The decay of the rate system is partly the fault of the present Government, which shirked the revaluation which was due.) It will be easy to make political capital out of the fact that it is mainly London councils with special burdens on their services that would suffer. The grant system is so full of anomalies that it is impossible fully to rebut claims that Londoners would be being punished for the system as well as for their representatives' excesses.

The present system is in any case about to be transformed by means of that same Local Government Bill. But the problems raised by the transitional arrangements also threaten the proposed permanent system. Sanctions against individual councils risk being arbitrary and oppressive unless they derive from an uncontroversial and consistent measure of what constitutes extravagance. This year the department issued two lists, one of councils which were overspenders if rate levels were considered, the other of councils whose spending had increased especially fast. The lists were disturbingly unalike, and it was hard to say which was the more relevant criterion.

Calculations for the proposed block grant, too hastily launched towards the statute book last year, seem likely to be as complex and subject to anomalies as the present formula. There is wide scope for ministerial discretion in the way sanctions would be applied — and discretion without acceptable criteria is apt to be indistinguishable from political caprice. In immediate terms, Mr Heseltine's announcement achieves a rough justice, necessary in the present crisis; but he has also taken a first step down a dangerous and obscure constitutional path.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Development of small aircraft to 'kill' tanks

From Field Marshal Lord Carver

Sir, A detailed proposal for the interesting concept put forward by Lord Gladwyn in his letter to you (September 18) has been made by Mr Warwick Collins. I understand that it is under consideration within the Ministry of Defence, where it has received a cool reception from the air staff.

Given the history of aircraft specifically designed for close air support to the Army, this is not surprising. The RAF's Audax and the Luftwaffe's Stuka ceased to be able to operate in the Second World War, when fighters of higher performance were about, and the Lysander never got into the act at all, except as a liaison aircraft.

The obvious snags to the project are the potential vulnerability of the proposed aircraft to the low-level anti-aircraft weapons systems with which the Warsaw Pact forces are liberally equipped, and the problems of control and target acquisition and recognition. Mr Collins has produced impressive arguments to refute these criticisms of his project, which are applicable also to other aircraft, fixed and rotary wing, used in the close support role.

Although I am not yet convinced that his proposals should be adopted as a firm programme, I strongly support Lord Gladwyn in considering that they should receive a thorough, scientifically based joint service examination by an objective body, such as the Defence Operational Analysis Establishment. It is better qualified to consider the project than a select committee of either House of Parliament.

If their verdict is favourable, the project could be a much more effective use of defence funds than more sophisticated ones, such as replacements for the Harrier or Polaris. Manning by a resuscitated Royal Auxiliary Air Force would be cheap and would be welcomed by the many pilots of light aircraft in the country. It is the sort of project that the Prime Minister appeared to have in mind in her speech to the Society of British Aerospace Companies earlier this month.

Yours faithfully,
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Hampshire.
September 18.

From Squadron Leader M. A. Hindley

Sir, I believe that Lord Gladwyn's plea (September 18) for a cheap and unsophisticated "tank-killer" aircraft will find sympathy with many who are rightly concerned with the cost of modern military aviation hardware and its cost effectiveness against the increasing armoured threat. However, my own perceptions as a serving Royal Air Force fighter and test pilot of some 17 years' experience lead me to rather different conclusions.

Lord Gladwyn has correctly identified the need to penetrate at very low level the formidable surface-to-air "umbrella" that the enemy erects over its armoured thrusts. However, the problem does not stop there; the enemy is also unfortunately capable of, and I believe will mount, an increasingly hostile airborne threat which, in my experience and judgment, requires penetration at high speed as well as at low level. Furthermore, and particularly in Europe, it has been found necessary to augment these tactics with increasingly sophisticated electronic counter-measures equipment to further improve aircraft survivability and thereby increase exchange rates of tanks "killed" to aircraft lost.

Southeast Asia is, I believe, something of a red herring when considering operations in Europe. The light aircraft alluded to by Lord Gladwyn operated in a very meagre air defence environment. That aircraft's successor, the American A10, while a most impressive ground attack aircraft, has needed considerable additional equipment to enable it to survive in Europe, lacking as it does the ability to penetrate enemy defences at high speed. Students of military aviation history will also be aware of the sophisticated counter-measures found to be necessary by the Israeli Air Force through bitter experience against an enemy lacking anything like the capability we now face in Europe.

To maximise the ratio of tanks killed to aircraft lost, we also need to carry a significant number of rather more sophisticated or "smart" weapons, and therefore hopefully more effective weapons, than a light aircraft could carry or deliver with its necessarily rudimentary weapon control system. Furthermore, hand-in-hand with the weapon requirements, we need a significant radius of action if we are to offer to our ground forces that vital characteristic of air power, namely flexibility.

In sum, and while I sympathise with Richthoven's and apparently Lord Gladwyn's tenet that for fighters: "the only thing that matters is shooting down aeroplanes and everything else is rubbish", in the ground attack business we need an aircraft that can penetrate at low level and high speed and be capable of carrying an increasing amount of counter-measures equipment in response to the ever-increasing threat. As the enemy discovered in 1940, numbers alone are not enough.

Yours, etc.
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From Mr George Curtis

Sir, With reference to Lord Gladwyn's letter on tank-busting aircraft: we already have a potentially far cheaper, more efficient answer to this problem than the single-seat, fixed-wing, propeller-driven plane he advocates, in the form of the Wallis Autogyro, a truly remarkable machine, if there ever was one.

Wing Commander Wallis's designs have, beyond any doubt, the stamp of true genius and, although I have never met him or examined any of the machines actually built by him, I am perhaps better qualified than most of your readers to pass comment, for in the early seventies I personally built three autogyro airframes, for a third party, brave (or foolish enough, depending on your view of my workmanship, and that of my then employees), to fly them. They all shared the same Wallis rotor head, which the intrepid reconaut had acquired, with an airframe.

The Wallis Autogyro is a very small target, very light, absurdly simple, remarkably robust, extraordinarily manoeuvrable and, I would submit, a very much more efficient and cost-effective answer than a £250,000 aeroplane masterminded by an international committee.

The Wallis Autogyro is capable of filling the role suggested by Lord Gladwyn, and a great many others. It is small enough to be happily towed in a car trailer, light enough for a few men to pick up and walk about with, can be made pretty quiet, needs no runway beyond a few yards of grass and, given a modern missile system, enough to terrify any thinking tank commander.

It is British, it is here, it can be a world beater, it could create a great many jobs, its uses are not confined to the military alone, and we all studiously ignore it. Now if it was American I expect there would be high powered military delegations going to evaluate it, then pervert its specification by means of a Nato committee, and finally, about 1990, introduce into service a heavy, clumsy, jack-of-all-trades-and-master-of-none international compromise.

Can we not, for once, recognize genius when we see it, and exploit it to our national advantage?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Hugh Dundas

Sir, Congratulations to Lord Gladwyn ("Small aircraft to 'kill' tanks", September 18). Now bring back the Royal Auxiliary Air Force to do the job. It would do it well if history is anything to go by.

Two or three days before the outbreak of World War II, some 20 Auxiliary Air Force squadrons were mobilized. One of them carried out the first offensive mission over enemy territory; another was first to shoot down a German plane over this country; another was first to score 100 kills. Without the near-doubling of Fighter Command's strength by the mobilization of the Auxiliary Air Force the Battle of Britain would almost certainly have been lost.

The disbandment of the auxiliary squadrons in the mid-fifties was justified on the grounds that modern aircraft were too complicated and too expensive to be put in the hands of the auxiliary air and ground crews.

Lord Gladwyn's very sensible proposal—that a large force of comparatively simple and inexpensive propeller-driven planes, not unlike the fighter-bombers of World War II, should be established to knock out enemy tanks in the event of war in Europe—could easily and economically be implemented by a reestablished Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Michael Rubinstein

Sir, Lord Gladwyn (September 18) advocates rearming, "at least to hold up a Soviet armoured assault", with a fleet of Hurricane/Spitfire-type planes—in addition, of course, to all the other essential preparations for "defence" by overkill: all this is inevitably at the expense of constructive projects on which the development of mutual non-aggressive feelings ultimately depends.

It does look, doesn't it, as if a demand for increased nuclear and "conventional" forces is insatiable? Given a premise of natural fear, to aim to eliminate that fear with weaponry, more weapons and more destructive weapons, is a counsel of despair.

Cannot everyone see that?

Yours sincerely,
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From Professor G. H. Martin

Sir, Lord Gladwyn's arguments in favour of the light, manoeuvrable aeroplane for tank-busting, which the Americans are trying to develop, are weighty and I hope that they will be heeded. As it happens, we had just such a machine ourselves, some years ago, and it served us very well. It was called the Hawker Hurricane.

Yours, etc,
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September 18.

Putting a price on Leonardo

From Mr Denis Mahon

Sir, Your leader (September 19) on the projected sale by auction of the Leonardo manuscript omits to deal with the aspect of the matter with which the Minister for the Arts is justifiably concerned, namely that serious consideration should be given by the vendors to the considerable tax advantages available by statute to them of a private-treaty sale to a public institution in this country, while at the same time appreciably reducing the financial commitment of the latter. Until this possibility has been most fully explored, and seen to be explored, any discussion of the merits or demerits of appeals to the public are quite premature.

On July 15 you published a letter from myself on the statutory position with regard to private treaty sales, pointing out in principle the advantageous implications both for private vendors and public purchasers. May I now spell out the effect of this principle by a specific hypothetical instance?

If a British institution (whether or not also supported from other sources, such as the National Heritage Memorial Fund, were to offer by private-treaty sale to the vendor of an object, which has qualified for tax exemption, the sum of £1,500,000 for it, that sum would be by law entirely tax-free. If, however, the object should be sold at auction the sum required from a purchaser to equalize this net receipt by the vendor would have to be four time as much (so that a 75 per cent charge for capital transfer tax could be offset). And to this sum of £6m a buyer at auction would also have to add £600,000 surcharge for the auctioneer. Though decisions on both sides would naturally be gambles, the difference is extremely striking.

The difficulty when objects of quite exceptional rarity and importance are at issue is the reaching of a formal valuation acceptable to all parties. That is why the administrative system hitherto operated has fallen into disrepute; according to this the bonus for the vendor was calculated on the basis of 25 per cent of the notional tax on such a valuation.

But if one is admittely dealing with what may be termed guesstimates, is it not more straightforward for public institutions to make offers which they may judge consonant with the value to them of the object, while indicating to prospective vendors the "grossed-up" figure which they would have to raise at auction to net an equivalent sum?

I repeat that the illustrative figures which I have given may not actually be relevant to the Leonardo manuscript. But that a serious attempt should be made for both parties to benefit from the statutory provisions seems to be incontestable; and that, if I understand correctly, is what Mr St John-Stevas so wisely hopes to encourage.

May I conclude with two incidental comments? First, it is fortunately incorrect to imply, as your leader does, that the National Heritage Fund is in any way concerned with the financing of acceptances in lieu of tax. Secondly, I trust Mr William Bell (September 19) will be relieved to learn that the figures concerned need not necessarily be of the order of magnitude which he fears.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS MAHON,
33 Cadogan Square, SW1.
September 19.

Monty's chief-of-staff

From Mr A. H. T. Chisholm

Sir, In describing on September 8, the unveiling the previous day of the Montgomery statue in Brussels, you refer to General Belchem as "Montgomery's former chief-of-staff", which of course he was from 1948 to 1950. But it is no derogation from General Belchem's distinguished services in that capacity, and also previously from 1943 onwards in other parts of Montgomery's Eighth Army and 21 Army Group team, that your reference strikes a wrong note for us former Monty-ites for whom "Montgomery's former chief-of-staff" can only be the late General Sir Francis de Guingand, who served the Field Marshal in that capacity in his great days from 1942 to the end of the war.

Yours faithfully,
ARCHIBALD CHISHOLM,
The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall, SW1.
September 15.

Golden apples

From Mr C. D. Wroe

Sir, I seem to be unique. I like Golden Delicious. In fact, I seem to be as unique as those of my fellow countrymen who are prepared to buy 250,000 tons of them.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES D. WROE,
3 Yeomans Way,
Camberley,
Surrey.
September 3.

Screen test

From Mr Roald Dahl

Sir, I have passed through the metal-detecting archway in at least a dozen British and European airports recently and have never once been stopped. Yet each of my hips has been replaced by a hunk of stainless steel (a prosthesis) seven inches long and half a pound in weight. A small revolver is no bigger or heavier than this. I sometimes pause under the archway, waiting for the contraption to start buzzing, but it never does.

Of course a good metal detector could detect a pair of forceps or a clamp left in the body after surgery, but do not, as your correspondent Mr Alexander suggests (September 18), use the airport model.

Yours faithfully,
ROALD DAHL,
Gipsy House,
Great Missenden,
Buckinghamshire.
September 18.

Choosing a party chairman

From Mr Steven Olivant

Sir, The question of the election of Lord Thorneycroft's successor as Chairman of the Conservative Party seems to hinge on the two issues of democracy and independence.

Stephen Moon (September 10) is right to say that democracy is not applicable to all circumstances and structures. Nevertheless it must surely give cause for concern that both the major parties which support our democracy are themselves so strikingly undemocratic. Each in its own way is dominated by a relatively small number of political activists, to the detriment not only of the democratic ideal, but of moderation in policy and efficiency in operation.

A reform more radical than tinkering with the rules of the National Union Executive Committee is required. If a means could be found, and I believe that it could, for all members of the Conservative Party to participate in the election of their chairman, it may safely be predicted that there would result an enormous increase in the active involvement of members in the party's work.

The Chairman of the Conservative Party is chairman of Conservative Central Office. At present the Leader's appointee controls the Leader's office. The election of the chairman would grant Central Office its independence. To see one possible disadvantage one has only to look at the struggles in the Labour Party. On the other hand, independence would, for example, remove suspicions that exercises such as the recent reorganization of Central Office departments or Edward Heath's pruning of the candidates list were politically inspired.

I believe that the advantages of an elected chairman—democracy, openness, involvement—outweigh any practical problems and private prejudices. Democracy in public life is not a hopeless ideal or a cosmetic style of management. It happens to be the most effective way to run not only our government but also our political parties.

Yours faithfully,
STEVEN OLIVANT,
39 Glebe Avenue,
Ruislip,
Middlesex.
September 10.

Drilling at Noonkanbah

From the Agent General for Western Australia

Sir, The letter by Professor Ralph W. V. Elliott on September 12 is not correct in stating that the oil drilling operation at Noonkanbah in Western Australia is taking place on an Aboriginal sacred site.

The drilling programme poses no threat to sacred sites and this has been publicly stated recently by the chairman of the Aboriginal Lands Trust, Mr Ken Colbung, himself an Aborigine. The ALT, incidentally, is the major shareholder in the company which operates the Aboriginal pastoral venture at Noonkanbah.

While people living in Australia's eastern states are clearly becoming overawed by Western Australia's role in the nation's general well-being, we occupy only a third of the continent and not half, as stated by Professor Elliott.

Yours faithfully,
L. W. SLADE,
Western Australia House,
115 Strand, WC2.
September 19.

Zoo-bred animals

From Mr Nicholas Courtney

Sir, When Major T. J. Phillips writes that no one has tried to return captive-bred or orphaned tigers to the wild (September 15) he obviously has not heard of the invaluable work in this field carried out by Arjan Singh at his farm "Tiger Haven" on the India-Nepal border.

In 1976 Tara, a captive-bred tigress cub from Twyford Zoo, was sent to Tiger Haven. There she roamed completely free, accompanying Arjan Singh into the surrounding forest. Gradually she became more and more independent and finally left "home" when her mating call was answered by a tiger, nearly two years after her arrival.

Arjan Singh was chosen for this project by the Frankfurt Zoo after his successes in returning orphaned leopards to the wild.

Tara has recently been photographed. This is positive proof that a tiger can be returned to the wild. It can only work if the tiger's habitat is left undisturbed by man.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS COURTNEY,
16 Gledhow Gardens, SW5.

Effects of ionizers

From Dr D. J. Ball

Sir, Both on September 4 and February 25 lengthy articles were printed in *The Times* on suggested beneficial health effects of commercial negative ion generators. These effects included reduced frequency of headaches, nausea and various other ailments. It might interest you to know that commercial ion generators were investigated some time ago by the United States Food and Drug Administration and no scientifically adequate evidence of therapeutic effects found. Regulations were established in the United States which effectively put these firms out of business.

None the less, I myself am not totally sceptical of the effects of ion generators. Whenever I read of, or see one, I suffer from headaches and nausea.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. BALL,
13 Portman Avenue, SW14.
September 5.

Unsporting?

From Mr G. H. G. Doggart

Sir, Am I alone in being a trifle saddened by the final word of the crickering headline on your sporting page this morning (September 9), which reads: "Averages point to dominance of foreigners"? It was cricket, surely, as much as anything that once made those "at home" think of those in Commonwealth countries, South Africa included, not as foreigners but as friends. Is the use of the word "foreigners", I wonder, a reflection of a new ecumenical feeling, a rare fall from grace on the part of *The Times*, or, even, in the light of current Anglo-French friction, a Freudian slip occasioned by the name of the leader in those averages—Lamb?

Yours faithfully,
G. H. G. DOGGART,
Headmaster's House,
King's School,
Bruton,
Somerset.
September 9.

Church unity

From Canon A. B. Wilkinson

Sir, The example of florid Marian devotion quoted by Sir Anthony Buzzard (September 12) is only one strand in the very varied skein of contemporary Roman Catholic spirituality. This also includes the bare, de-sacralized eucharists of the liturgical reformers and the revolutionary spirituality of the neo-Marxists. Thus the forms of Christianity in communion with the See of Rome are now even more excitingly varied than those in communion with the See of Canterbury.

If Sir Anthony Buzzard were to visit the Anglican shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham he might discover forms of Marian devotion as distressing to him as the Roman Catholic example he quotes. Yet it was at Walsingham that the Archbishop of Canterbury preached to a large congregation of pilgrims this Whitsuntide. However, that fact does not prevent Anglican Evangelicals, including the bishop in whose diocese Walsingham is situated, from being in communion with the See of Canterbury. Therefore examples of florid Marian devotion culled from Roman Catholic sources are no insuperable barrier to the growing rapprochement between Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN WILKINSON,
5 Adel Park Croft, Leeds.

Minority votes

From Miss Enid Lakeman

Sir, Dr Alderman's study (report September 17) underlines one of the anomalies of our electoral system, of any system relying on single-member constituencies. There is no way in which the Jewish minority (or any other minority) can use its votes to secure for itself a fair share of parliamentary seats, but by swaying a small fraction of the votes in marginal constituencies it can decide the representation of the majority.

Yours faithfully,
ENID LAKEMAN,
Editorial Consultant,
Electoral Reform Society,
6 Chancel Street, SE1.

IND and its policies

n the Chairman of MIND tional Association for Mental lth) and others

We write in answer to Pro- or Roth's letter (September 13), he points out, the issues with ch MIND is involved are es- ly and varied as the complex d of mental health itself.

IND itself endeavours to work many disparate groups, recon- ng and acknowledging their iculties, their status, their sensi- ties and their values, giving ne support and help whenever sible; but it is felt very deeply mentally ill and handicapped ple must be the central focus our concern and responsibility it is within this context that dilemma exists.

f course, MIND shares Professor h's desire to rely on trust and, ever painful and difficult, ries work from this basis. But as fessor Roth undoubtedly well ws himself, there are circum- ances when trust loses validity as orking foundation.

he need is to maintain the ance between trust in profes- nal colleagues while being alert the potential for professional use of power. In any issue of ged abuse of patients, the staff MIND use all available formal thods of investigation and review : only in exceptional circum- nces is it necessary to take other ps.

he burden of MIND's concern ns to be shared by the Secre- y of State, Mr Patrick Jenkin- a speech which he gave to an ernational conference on psychia- c nursing (reported in *The nes*, September 13) he reflected hat it was sad that we should d from time to time that vulner- e patients should be so miserably treated and even humiliated" ling that "it should be the responsibility of everyone involved, from the most senior nurse to the most junior student recruit, to complain when abuse occurs. There must be thorough investigations; and victimization or intimidation of those who are doing their duty must be ruthlessly stamped on". He goes on to envisage alterations in the Mental Health Act in an attempt to prevent these occurrences.

Furthermore, *The Times* (September 12) reported the results of a decision by the European Commission of Human Rights which found in favour of a Broadmoor patient, awarding considerable damages—the result of MIND's intervention on his behalf.

The main concern is that there should continue to be an exchange of ideas, unavoidable differences of opinion, recognition of different ways of working and expression, and the knowledge that matters will be contentious; but the unifying factor surely is that we all believe that the care, protection and freedoms of mentally ill and mentally handicapped people remain one of the most vital issues in our society.

Yours faithfully,
JULIET BINGLEY, Chairman,
DOUGLAS BENNETT, Vice Chairman,
ANTHONY W. CLARE, Medical Adviser,
MIND,
22 Harley Street, W1.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Gala Preview of "Colette" held at the Comedy Theatre in aid of Wavendon Allmusic Plan.
The Lady Anne Tennant was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 19: The Duchess of Gloucester, attended by Mrs Michael Wigley, left Heathrow Airport, London this morning to open British Film Week presented by the British Film Institute and the Film Society of Lincoln Center, New York.

Birthdays today

Mr John Dankworth, 53; Lord Coronny-Roberts, 67; Miss Gillian Mackay, 57; Mr Kenneth More, 66; Sir David Nicolson, 58; the Right Rev Kenneth Riches, 72; Sir Robert Scott, 75; the Hon Maxwell Stamp, 65; Mr F. T. Winter, 54.

TOMORROW: Mr Austen Albu, 77; Dr Edith Batho, 83; General Sir Timothy Creasey, 57; General Sir John Gibbon, 63; Professor Hugh Lloyd-Jones, 53; Sir Peter Matthews, 58; Sir William Nield, 67; Professor Bernard Williams, 51.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Michael Boyd was christened Ashleigh Thomas Murray on Sunday by the Rev John Cunningham at Pirbright Parish Church. The godparents are Mr David Pearce, Mr Michael Stearn, Mrs Julian Bruce and Mrs Orhan Sadik-Khan.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Captain J. Mackenzie RN to be promoted Rear-Admiral on January 7, 1981, and to be Flag Officer and Port Admiral Gibraltar and COMGIBMED in January, in succession to Rear-Admiral G. I. Pritchard.

Why Yom Kippur retains its power after 2,000 years

Today is the Jewish Day of Atonement. Synagogues throughout the world will be crowded as even the most casually affiliated Jews observe the festival, most of them submitting to the rigours of a fast which began before sunset yesterday and continues until this evening. Fasting is the outward sign of that inner sense of guilt, contrition and repentance which the worshipper experiences on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur in Hebrew).

For over two thousand years Yom Kippur has been the most awesome and important of the Jewish festivals, an annual Day of Judgment on which man stands before his Maker and confesses his sins. During the Second Temple period Yom Kippur was observed with elaborate ceremony, at the climax of the ritual the High Priest entering the temple's Holy of Holies watched by an expectant crowd thronging the courtyards. After he had made confession for himself and the whole household of Israel, a scapegoat was driven into the wilderness symbolically carrying the sins of the people, who joyfully celebrated their pardon.

Once the temple was destroyed and Jews scattered throughout the world, the synagogue liturgy for Yom Kippur took on a more sombre colouring; it must have been due to their sinfulness that God had withdrawn favour from his children Israel. Repentance and prayer were the only antidote. So Yom Kippur became the day of days, each Jew metaphorically putting himself in the dock before the divine judge, acknowledging his failings, and pleading for mercy.

Why is it even today, in a sophisticated, secular world where words like "sin" and "atonement" fall quaintly from the lips, that Yom Kippur still retains its power? Respect for tradition is only part of the answer, because so many other traditional observances have been discarded by most modern Jews.

More probably it is because Yom Kippur still fulfils a deep-rooted psychological need for an atonement ritual. Every human being has to accept what Freud's pupil, Viktor Frankl, called "the tragic triad of human existence . . . guilt, pain and death". We have to face the fact that we have failed; that we are suffering; and that we will die. The great comfort which Judaism gives to its followers as they try to cope with their flawed mortality is the reassurance that sincere repentance will be answered mercifully. The doctrine of man's repentance and God's compassion is at the core of rabbinic theology. As the American scholar George Foot Moore puts it in his standard work *Judaism in the First Centuries of the Christian Era*, "That God did not make the Law, with all its commandments and prohibitions and severe penalties, without knowing that no man could keep it, nor without creating a way whereby his fault might be condoned, is as firm a conviction as there is in all the Jewish thought about God. Repentance must therefore be coeval with the Law."

Repentance is the unlocking mechanism whereby man comes to terms with his guilt about the past and his fear of the future. It is the poultice for our wounded, finite existence. Both guilt and death, says Judaism, are inescapable, but so therapeutic is the value of repentance that it turns man's sense of failure and mortality to good account, by causing him to review his behaviour and strive to improve it.

In many a sermon and parable the ancient rabbis emphasized how seriously and sincerely the annual exercise in repentance must be undertaken. Typical is the following saying: "Neither sin offering, nor guilt offering, nor death, nor the Day of Atonement, all of them together do not expiate sin without true repentance".

It is, then, the drama of sin and atonement, guilt and repentance, which unfolds during the long hours of synagogue worship on Yom Kippur. Everyone becomes involved in the urgent quest for divine pardon, making confession publicly and collectively, not through intermediaries. "We have sinned, we have transgressed". The mood changes throughout the day, from morning briskness, through mid-afternoon torpor, to twilight expectancy as the last prayers are uttered before heaven's gates close for another year. One emerges from synagogue tired, thirsty, stale-mouthed, but curiously elated and optimistic. Yom Kippur is confirmation of the cliché that confession is good for the soul. And that is why, presumably, early Christianity—which originally had dispensed altogether with the Day of Atonement on the grounds that Jesus, by his death, had atoned for all mankind—found it necessary to introduce the weekly confessional. We all need to ask for pardon.

It was Goethe who said: "If we take man as he ought to be, we help him become what he can be". Yom Kippur strips man of his illusions. It asks him to contrast what he is with what he ought to be, and the self-examination is painful; but after it one returns to the world feeling, quite simply, a better person, secure in the belief that sincere repentance has been accepted. That is the purpose of Yom Kippur and why it still retains its power over Jews.

David J. Goldberg
Minister, The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, London.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. M. Oughtred and Miss P. R. M. Waterson
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Oughtred, of Raby Lodge, Brough, East Yorkshire, and Penny, youngest daughter of the late Mr E. T. Waterson and of the Hon Mrs E. Stopford, of 4 High Street, North Ferriby, East Yorkshire.

Mr E. T. K. Chan and Miss I. E. M. de Beauregard
The engagement is announced between Tinsey, son of Mr and Mrs U. K. Chan, of Annandale, Edgware, Middlesex, and Isabelle, daughter of M and Mme Guy de Beauregard, of Fargues-Sur-Oubise, France.

Mr K. F. P. Coyle and Miss A. S. Von Landsberg
The engagement has been announced between Kevin Francis Patrick, only son of the late Mr M. H. Coyle and of Mrs Coyle, of Somerset West, Cape Province (formerly of East Africa), and Astrid Sibylla, only daughter of the late Mr J. M. Von Landsberg and of Mrs Von Landsberg, of Kenilworth, Cape Town. The marriage will take place in Cape Town on January 10.

Mr D. F. McGougan and Miss M. C. Owen
The engagement is announced between Duncan, only son of Mr and Mrs Duncan F. McGougan, of Tabor City, North Carolina, United States, and Melissa, daughter of Mr John A. D. Owen, QC, and Mrs John Owen, of Lansdowne House, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.

Mr H. N. S. Haynes and Miss C. Milne-Buckley
The engagement is announced between Hamish, elder son of Mr and Mrs Norman Haynes, of Nonnington Hall, Graffham, West Sussex, and Carmella, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Milne-Buckley, of Osborne House, Wimbledon, SW19.

Mr R. E. Sloia and Miss J. M. French
The engagement is announced between Robert Emilian, son of Mr and Mrs L. S. Sloia, of Coventry, and Jean Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. French, of Thorpe Bay.

Marriage

Mr G. M. Vere Nicoll and Mrs J. Alexander
The marriage took place in London on September 18 between Mr Graham Vere Nicoll and Mrs Jacquelyn Alexander.

Photograph by Peter Trievnor

Miss Suzanne Elphick, a member of the staff at Sotheby's Belgravia, wearing an 1840 evening dress in cream silk brocade which is among a collection of costumes and textiles dated between 1500 and 1960 to be auctioned on Wednesday.

Salvation Army appeal for £1m with Duke's help

An appeal for £1m to help the unemployed, homeless and helpless in London was launched yesterday by the Duke of Westminster.

The Duke, chairman of the Salvation Army appeal, said that the Salvation Army had never made a senior level approach to industry and commerce for support. "Until now it has relied on front door approaches and has survived on hundreds and thousands of small donations and legacies".

"This situation cannot continue if the work of the army is to keep up. For the Salvation Army, 40 years after the London Blitz, there is still war being waged against despair, hunger, loneliness, alcoholism, drug addiction, neglect and homelessness."

£34,832 raised in Oxford sale

A sale of furniture and works of art totalled £34,832 at Phillips Inc Brooks in Oxford yesterday. An eighteenth century Dutch marquetry display cabinet sold for £5,600 and a Limoges enamel casket, depicting biblical scenes sold for £2,000.

A sale of silver at Phillips in London yesterday realized £24,425 with a collection of spoons from Commonwealth countries and the Americas selling for more than £700.

Today's engagements

Hong Kong in London: Two-day Chinese Festival, Battersea Park, 11.
Exhibition: Stanley Spencer RA, Royal Academy of Art, Piccadilly, 10 to 6.
Lectures: Treasures of Illumination, by Jane Lee, British Library, British Museum, 12; Tao and the path of the Rosy Cross, Kensington Public Library, 7.30 pm; Italian Renaissance Art, by Ronald Parkinson, Victoria and Albert Museum, 12.
Steaming Weekend, Papplewick Pumping Station, The Deputy's House, off Longdale Lane, Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire, 11.
Music: Baroque to the present day, Dyrham Park, Bath, Avon, 8; recital by Richard Wigmore, bass baritone, East Riddlesden Hall, Keighley, West Yorkshire, 7.30.
TOMORROW
Horsemen's Sunday, open air service for riders and horsedrawn vehicles, St John's and St Michael's Church, Hyde Park Crescent, 12.
Exhibitions: Early Armenian Printing, British Library Galleries, Great Russell Street, 2.30 to 6; Medicines for Man, Science Museum, Exhibition Road, 2.30 to 6; Threatened Plants, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, 2.30 to 6; British School at Rome, South London Art Gallery, Peckham Road, 3 to 6.
Eurosteam '80, Nene Valley Railway, Wansford Station, Stibbington, Cambridgeshire, 11.15.

Luncheon

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Mr Norman Lamont, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Energy, was host at a luncheon in honour of Dr Vizcaino Murray, Director General of Uramex, Mexico, held at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday.

Reception

Lord Peart
Lord Peart, president, entertained the Durham University Society at a reception in the House of Lords yesterday.

Supper

Admiralty Interview Board
Rear-Admiral W. A. Waddell, Flag Officer, Admiralty Interview Board, and Mrs Waddell were hosts at a buffet supper given last night in HMS Sultan to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the board's establishment at the Gosport base.

Service reception

RAF Innsworth
The annual Battle of Britain reception was held in the Officers' mess, RAF Innsworth, last night. Air Commodore C. A. Greenan, AOC RAF Personnel Management Centre, and Wing Commander P. A. Field, Station Commander, and their ladies received the guests. Among those present were:
Air Marshal Sir Charles and Lady Ness, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire and Lady Shakerley and Air Vice-Marshal L. W. Pilkins, Director General of Personnel Management (RAF).

Service dinner

Combined Dartmouth and Special Entry Cadets, September, 1950
Members of the combined Dartmouth and Special Entry Cadets who joined HMS Devonshire in September, 1950, held a reunion dinner in HMS Excellent, Whale Island, Portsmouth, last night. Commander D. J. Ellin presided.

Dances

RAF Upwood
The Battle of Britain ball was held in the Officers' Mess, RAF Upwood last night. The principal guests were Air Vice-Marshal David Bates, Air Officer Administration, RAF Support Command, and Mrs Bates. Other guests were:
Air Commodore E. N. Heath, Air Commodore G. T. Crook and Wing Commander R. Laing and their ladies.

Fire Service Technical College, Moreton-in-Marsh
A ball was given last night in the Officers' Mess, Fire Service Technical College, Moreton-in-Marsh, by the commandant and members of the officers' mess on the occasion of the retirement of Mr. K. L. Holland, HM Chief Inspector of Fire Services.
The commandant, Mr D. Blacktop, made a presentation to Mr and Mrs Holland on Mr Holland's completion of 43 years' service. The band of the West Yorkshire Fire Brigade beat retreat before the ball. Mr Holland took the salute.

University news

Oxford
Elections:
QUEEN'S COLLEGE: Michel scholarship, R. M. Kelly, Portslade Community Coll; organ scholarship, R. A. Neal, South Hunslet S.

Heriot-Watt
Professor T. D. Patten, BSc, PhD, Vice-Principal of Heriot-Watt University, has been appointed Acting Principal.

Harrow College of Higher Education
The following have been awarded first class honours in applied photography, film and television: Miss C. Francis-King, City of Bath Girls GC, Bath Tech C; Miss A. Hines, North London Collegiate, St Martin's S of Art; M. Caine, Hebrew Univ, Jerusalem, BA in philosophy and sociology.

Pilgrimage of Crosses against persecution

The fifth international Pilgrimage of Crosses will take place at Westminster Cathedral on September 28.
The pilgrimage, which will be attended by nearly all Christian denominations, is to express support for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Poems from the desert war given to museum

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

Poems written on scraps of paper taken from exercise books, now torn and fragile, were borne in glass cases into a reception at the Imperial War Museum in London yesterday, to mark the handing over by the Salamander Oasis Trust of the first batch of desert war manuscript of the 1940s.

This literary windfall stems from the publication of a book called *Return to Oasis* that bridges the years since 1943 when two corporals and a private soldier decided to seek contributions for a poetry anthology to be called Oasis. They received 3,000 poems from 800 would-be contributors and published 121 of them.

One of the three, Mr Victor Selwyn, who gave up his job to edit the new anthology, said the book, a tattered copy of which was produced yesterday, sold 3,000 copies at 25 piastres (25p) a time. The £250 proceeds went to the Red Cross.

"It was just a one-off publication because we then became separated, but more recently, after an appeal in the press, we managed to bring together 31 of those poets and we also had more than 1,000 poems and letters. I can tell you some of them were so moving that I wept."

Careful checks were made to ensure that the poems received were authentic and written at the time. The first batch of two dozen documents given to the museum will be followed by dozens more to swell the collection of literature, much of it from the First World War, which it already possesses.

Mr Selwyn said the desert poems were not of a kind that dramatized war; "We were living it and unlike the people who served in the First War, in the Second we knew what it was all about, we had no illusions".

Several universities in the United States would have paid a high price for the documents collected by the trust. But the trust preferred to have them lodged in the Imperial War Museum. Mr Roderick Suddaby, the museum's documents keeper, said: "We are overwhelmed by this gift".

Professor Ian Fletcher, of Reading, an editor of *Return to Oasis*, said: "The public know more about the Dead Sea Scrolls of 2,000 years ago and of King Tut's Tomb before that than of the wealth of verse written by their soldiers in the Western Desert and Middle East barely 40 years ago. The books do not even mention this part of our culture and history, without a rescue operation it would have been blown away with the sand."

Yesterday, as the poets reassembled in south London, one of the most famous poems thrown up by the Middle East war was recalled. Its author was present, J. G. Méddemmen wrote LRDG (Long Range Desert Group); and its final lines ran:

We found him blind, with both hands gone.
When we got him back inside the lines
He'd only say,
Over and over, "the mines, the mines, the mines".
It's the lucky ones get dead:
He's still alive. I wonder if his wife understands
How you can't even shoot yourself without your hands.

Latest wills

Charities share £1m residue

Mrs Marie Ann Schulze, of Selly Park, Birmingham, left estate valued at £540,135 net.

After personal bequests she left the residue equally between the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, RNLI, Birmingham branch, and Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Leamington Spa.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Alcock, Mr Ivey Stuart, of Weston-super-Mare, Avon, a retired chemist ... £162,054
Lewis, Mr Thomas Trevor, of Neath, West Glamorgan £234,930
Miller, Mr John Gordon, of Shelford, Nottinghamshire £218,790
Rosenberger, Mr Walter, of Lansdown, Avon, editor of Keesing's Contemporary Archives £171,606

OBITUARY

MISS KATHERINE ANNE PORTER

Celebrated American short story writer

Miss Katherine Anne Porter, the celebrated American short story writer and novelist, died in Silver Spring, Maryland, on September 17. She was 90.

Although it was her novel, *The Ship of Fools* (1962) which eventually earned her the fame, the sales and the financial rewards which every writer covets for their work, *The Ship of Fools* is an aberration and cannot stand beside the best of her creative output. Katherine Porter was *par excellence* an exponent of the short story, a form in which she is so supremely gifted as to rank with the modern masters of the genre.

A slow and meticulous worker, she lived completely for her art, a dedication which involved early years of physical struggle to support herself while she wrote, and seemingly endless travels, as well as the artistic effort, which resulted in the stream-of-consciousness treatment which was to be the ideal vehicle for a writer of her particular sensibility and perceptions.

Katherine Anne Porter was born at Indian Creek, Texas, in 1890 and educated in Louisiana and Texas, at first in a private school and subsequently in an Ursuline convent. In her own words "precocious, nervous, rebellious and unteachable" she early developed a taste for books and determined to become a writer. She also determined to emancipate herself from her conservative Southern heritage.

She travelled widely, initially in America, while she learned to write. To support herself during this period she did many different jobs, including journalistic ones, editing, translating and working on Hollywood screenplays.

Her first collection of short stories, *Flowering Judas*, appeared in 1930; its title story alone was sufficient to indicate that she had already achieved a command of the form which she had chosen. This impression was amplified by *Pale Horse, Pale Rider* (1939), a collection of three long short stories of which the haunting "Noon Wine" previously published in 1937, was one. Meticulously observed detail, highly compressed narrative, and the use of "voices" to alter our view of events all worked to convey a sense of the piercing keenness of the writer's vision; the reader of these stories is struck by a feeling that no pains have been spared by the writer in the pursuit of the truth of life experience observed. And though Miss Porter had herself physically escaped her Southerness, the sense of the texture of Southern life is strong in much of her work.

The Leaning Tower, containing further stories about the South as well as, in a different vein, "A Days Work", a pointed study of the domestic and political life of the New York Irish, appeared in New York in 1944.

A collection of critical essays, *The Days Before*, was published in 1952, but the world had to wait for another ten years for the novel on which it was known she had been working for many years. In spite of its immense commercial and literary success—huge sales, Book of the Month Club selection; rapid translation on to celluloid—*The Ship of Fools* was something of a setback artistically for Miss Porter. Though it had its characteristic moments, this description of the behaviour of a cosmopolitan group of passengers, on a voyage from Mexico to Germany, remained, in spite of its ambitious scope and length, something of a collection of short stories rather than a fully achieved novel.

Katherine Anne Porter's *Collected Stories* came out in 1965 and in 1977 she published *The Never Ending Wrong*, a book about the American liberal protest in the case of Sacco and Vanzetti, two men who had been tried and executed as anarchists in the 1920s. This book arose from notes made by Miss Porter 50 years previously during her own protest marching and picketing days in Boston.

Miss Porter was twice married, both marriages ending in divorce.

MR MURRAY SENIOR

R.C.C. writes:

Murray Senior, who died at Deal on September 4, in his 71st year, will be remembered with affection and gratitude by several generations of historians who were taught by him at Shrewsbury, between 1932 and 1951. He arrived in Shrewsbury, straight from Christ Church, as a young man of only 24, bringing with him his own recent and profitable experience of the tutorial system and an enthusiasm both for History and for what was then described as Current Affairs that he at once succeeded in communicating, not just to members of the History Side, but to boys in all the forms that he taught throughout the school. Within two years, he had succeeded in putting History right on the map, in a school then still dominated by a classical tradition. His success was shown in the remarkable results obtained between 1934 and the outbreak of the Second World War.

It was not just that he was extremely skilled in putting his pupils through the hoops for Oxbridge entrance, by introducing them early to the tutorial system, taking them in pairs for essays, at his home in the evening. His influence went much deeper than such formal teaching as given in the small room that then housed the History Side and in which, sitting at his desk, on a raised platform, against the light coming from the window, he imposed on his pupils the spectacle of his impressive profile, of quite Wellingtonian proportions, the origin of his nickname "the Duke". The famous profile was later shown in other parts, but the title did not follow it.

Politically, while very much an English nationalist, he was a convinced anti-fascist; and his pupils, in the second half of the 30s, were left in no doubt as to the vileness and vulgarity of Mussolini and Hitler. Stalin remained an enigma. Above all, he was concerned that his boys should see beyond the comforting world of the Shropshire gentry of the eighteenth century. And, in this, he was most successful. Several of his pupils became politically active, one or two in the Communist Party. He liked boys to think for themselves and was proud of the number of rebels who went out from his form during these years. Some of these were to remain rebels, others, such as Richard Wainwright, Brian Inglis, Peter and Eric Deny, Richard Hillary, and our present Ambassador to Chile, were to achieve public recognition. But he was not in the least ambitious for them, in any conventional sense. An obscure roller in the Communist Party, or a Welsh poet, or an unrecognized conscientious objector found as much favour with him as those who went off with all the prizes. Later, he followed, with amused and affectionate detachment, some of the more remarkable avatars of former members of his form, even if obstinacy landed them in prison. He admired obstinacy, a quality in which he himself was not lacking.

During the War, he served as a Captain in the Intelligence Corps (S.O.E.). He was Headmaster of Bury Grammar School from 1951 to 1956, Headmaster of Monmouth School from 1956 to 1959. For the rest of his teaching career he was Senior History Master at Chatham House Grammar School, Ramsgate and, after retirement, he taught as an assistant master at Harrow School from 1973 to 1975, an experience that afforded him great delight. His career thus did not reflect a conventional upward trend. No doubt he was not suited to the prudent diplomacy of Headmastership.

The son, grandson, great grandson, and brother of Church of England clergymen, he married, in 1935, Isabel Syme, a music teacher from Rumbling Bridge, Scotland. He leaves a widow, one daughter, one son, and five grandchildren.

MRS ALISON SETTLE

Mrs Alison Towers Settle, OBE, who has died at Worthing at the age of 89 had a most distinguished career in journalism, first as editor of *Vogue* for seven years in the 1920s, then in Fleet Street where she was the fashion editor of *The Observer* for 22 years. She was also a regular contributor to *The Lady* for many years and wrote for other magazines including *Homes and Gardens* as beauty editor.

An acknowledged expert on fashion and beauty Mrs Settle was a Member of the Council of Arts and Industry and of the Council of Industrial Design. She was a Silver Medallist of the Royal Society of Arts. She also published a number of books on fashion.

In 1953 she was a most influential and popular president of the Womens Press Club and the help and guidance she gave her colleagues was invaluable. Tireless, enthusiastic and absolutely professional Mrs Settle was greatly respected. Lately, she had lived in her charming house at Steyning in Sussex surrounded by mementoes of an immensely successful active life. Her son and daughter both live overseas now, but she was as proud of them as of any of her personal achievements.

HIS HON CDR L. K. A. BLOCK

His Hon Commander L. K. A. Block, DSC, a former Commissioner of the Central Criminal Court, died on September 13 at the age of 74. Leslie Kenneth Allen Block was born on August 9, 1906, and educated at the Royal Naval Colleges Osborne and Dartmouth. He joined the Royal Navy in 1920 and went onto the Royal Navy's Emergency List in 1933.

He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1936 but later saw service in the Royal Navy during the Second World War. He was successively Navigating Officer of the aircraft carrier Hermes (1939-42), served in the Korean Escort Force (1942-43), in the battleship Duke of York (1943-44), and was Fleet Navigating Officer, Home Fleet, from 1944 to 1945. He was awarded the DSC in 1945.

Returned to civilian life he was Chairman of the Agricultural Land Tribunal, SE Area, 1948-54; Assistant Judge of the Mayor's and City of London Court 1954-69; and was a Commissioner of the Central Criminal Court from 1955 to 1969.

He was Deputy Chairman of West Sussex Quarter Sessions from 1955 to 1967 and Chairman from 1967 to 1971. He was also a Freeman of the City of London and a JP (1949) and Deputy Lieutenant (1960) for Sussex.

He married, in 1930, Marjorie Marion, née Hicks. They had two sons and one daughter.

Services tomorrow: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC 8; M and Sermon 10, Jub and ID Bertrand Naylor (The St Paul's Surplice Bishop of St Albans), HC 11.20, Nolani Missa Brevis in D, Introit Ave verum corpus (Mozart), E and S 5.15, Mag and Nunc Dimittis: Stanford in B flat A: My beloved Spake, Patrick Hadley, Archdeacon of London.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC 8; Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service 11, Greater love (Holmes), Ven H. J. Stuart, HC 12.15, E and Admission of Choristers 5 S. S. Wesley in E, When David heard (Boyce), Rev S. Charles, Organ Recital by C. Herrick, 6.5, L 6.30 The Chaplain.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC 9; Cathedral Eucharist 11, Missa Quinti toni (Victoria), A: Justorum animae (Stanford), Canon de Berry, Cathedral L 3.30 Brewer in D, A: Justorum animae (Bairstow), The Provost.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): Morning Service, Rev P. Vella.

MILITARY CHAPEL, Chelsea Barracks (entrance Cluny Bridge Road): HC 8; M 11, Rev J. S. Westmuckett, Pr: Noon.

JEWEL TOWER OF LONDON: HC 9.15; M 11 Jub Purcell A: O God, thou art my God (Purcell), The Chaplain.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (Public welcomed): HC 8.30; Thanksgiving Service of Battle of Britain: 11, Jub, Gordon Jacob A, Greater love hath no man (Ireland), Rev R. Taylor, HC 12.15.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC 8.30; M 11 Sum ton in C, A: 99th Ps, there is a country (Parry), HC 12.15, E 3.30 Walton in E, A: The Spirit of the Lord, (Elgar).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11, Rev G. Forrer, ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: L 11 and 5.15; HM 11, Rev C. J. Somers-Edgar, Lloyd Webber in E minor, Solemn Evensong 6, Rev J. W. Hooker, Bach in B minor.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC 8.15, Sung Eucharist 11, Short Service (Batten), Gaudete numbers (Swedlinck), Rev D. R. Thurburn-Huetlin.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC 8, HC 9 (sung); M 11, The Vicar, E 6.30 HC, Rev P. Evans, Universal.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: Sol 9.30; HM 11, The Vicar, Jesu and John (Gibbons), Evensong, Victoria L 6.30.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT (HONITON TAD 11.15): HC 9; M 11, Stanford, Tallerai, A Gift to Princes (Byrd), Evensong 6.30, Bairstow in A minor, A: O Lord increase my faith (Gibbons), Fr W. Smith HC, 12.15 and 1.15.

ST BRIDES, FLEET STREET: HC 8.30; Choral Matins and Eucharist 11, Rev P. H. Ellington, Choral Evensong 6.30, Preb Dyas Morgan.

ST GEORGE'S, HANOVER SQUARE: HC 8.15, Sung Eucharist 11, Stanford in A, A: Let this mind be strengthened (Blow), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S PICCADILLY: HC 8.15; Eucharist 11, Rev J. L. W. Bunnison, Sung Eucharist 11, (Palestrina, Aeterna Christi munera) Bishop Woolcombe, Rev J. C. Leigh Hunt.

ST MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER: HC 8.15, Choral Matins 11, Canon J. A. Baker HC 12.15.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion 9.30; The Vicar, M 11.15, The Vicar, Choral Evensong 4.15 E 6.30, Rev J. Vincent Cassidy.

ST MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON: HC 8 (Sol 12.30); Sung Eucharist 9.30, M 11 (S), E 6.30.

ST MARY'S, BOURNE STREET: LM 8, 9, 10, 7 HM, 11, Rev M. Senior Missa O magnum mysterium (Victoria), Gloriamus te (Monteverdi), Venite comedite (Byrd).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC 8 and 11, Rev E. Smith, M St Andrew Christi Munera (Palestrina), Justorum animae (Stanford), 5.30 Rev G. K. Hamel Cooke.

ST MICHAEL'S, CHESTER SQUARE: HC 8.15; Parish Communion 11, Rev G. H. Saunder, L 6 Rev A. G. E. Pearson Saunder.

ST PAUL'S, WILTON PLACE, KNIGHTSBRIDGE: HC 8 and 10, Solemn Eucharist 11, R. D. Latham in A minor, Rev. R. G. Russell.

ST PAUL'S, ROBERT ADAM STREET: 11 Canon Sutton 6.30 Rev P. Gray.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, CHELSEA: HC 8, Parish Communion 11, EP 6.30 The Vicar.

ST STEPHEN'S, GLOUCESTER ROAD: LM 8; HM 11, Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), E 6.30 Prof E. and Mrs Jones, R. Moore Priest to Jesus (Oldroyd).

ST VEDAST, FOSTER LANE: SM 11, Canon Hemphill, M 12.15, Brevis (Walker), Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood).

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND: PONT STREET: 11 and 6.30, Rev W. Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland): Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15, Rev J. S. Scott 6.30 Rev. J. J. Rennie.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 10.30 (sung mass), 12 and 7, Vespers 3.30, Missa Alma redemptoris Mater (Langlais), The Earliest Christians (Burgess), Benediction and Sacramental Blessing.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road: M 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (sung Latin Pontifical mass), 12.30, 4.30, 7, Vespers 3.30.

ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway: SM 11, Missa Simile Christi (Poulenc), Paris Angelicus (Franck).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: 6, 8, 9.15, 11 (Missa de Angelis (Plainsong), Ego sum panis vivus (Paulus).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin Mass), 12, 4.15, 6.15.

WEST STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed): Harley Place: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr Daniel Jenkins.

ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian Congregational): Lord's Roundabout, NW8, 11, Rev J. Miller.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Harold Priddy, 11 Slater Jacqueline P.H. 6.30, Rev Dr T. Morgan.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct EC: 11, Rev Dr R. Norris.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R. T. Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11, Rev P. Jenning.

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From The Times of Wednesday, Sept 21, 1955

Perón resigns

From Our Own Correspondent

Buenos Aires, Sep 20.—After four days of civil war in Argentina the military junta in Buenos Aires under the presidency of General Domingo Molina informed the victorious rebel leaders that General Perón had officially resigned and that they were ready to negotiate a suspension of hostilities in the capital. The rebel leaders, Admiral Isaac Rojas and General Juan José Uranga, on board the rebel flagship La Argentina, refused this offer, and insisted that the armistice talks should be held in La Argentina. The military junta announced today that the truce in hostilities was being maintained throughout Argentina and that efforts to reach agreement with the rebel commanders were proceeding favourably. Preliminary conversations were being held on board La Argentina. This announcement reveals that the military junta in Buenos Aires gave way.

Wheelwrights' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Wheelwrights' Company for the ensuing year: Mr Walter Joseph Dymott, Master; Mr Cyril Humphrey Cripps, Upper Warden; Mr C. R. Hart, Renter Warden.

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Science report

Astronomy: Vibrating neutron star

By the Staff of *Nature*

An unusual burst of gamma rays observed last year and thought to have originated in a nearby galaxy, was the result of vibrations in a neutron star, according to a theory published in *Nature* recently. If that is correct, the observation would mark the first detection of such vibrations in time or strange objects.

The gamma ray burst was detected by nine separate spacecraft on March 5, 1979. An extremely strong initial pulse was followed by a series of regular, smaller pulses that died away over a few minutes. The strength of the initial burst led astronomers to believe that the source must be within our galaxy.

But further analysis showed that the source coincided with a large gas cloud, in a nearby galaxy, known to have resulted from a supernova explosion hundreds of years ago. Dr R. Ramaty and colleagues working at the Goddard Space Flight Center, Maryland, suggest that the gamma ray burst resulted from a sudden disturbance and subsequent vibration within the neutron star also left behind by the supernova.

A neutron star represents a last stage in stellar evolution. For most of their lifetime stars produce heat and light through nuclear reactions in their centres. When the nuclear fuel begins to run out, the pressure inside the stellar gases is insufficient to prevent the star from collapsing under its own gravitation.

While collapsing, the star heats to such an extent that an explosion occurs. During that stage—known as a supernova—a large proportion of the gas is blown off. The remainder continues to collapse until the material is so dense that its constituent atoms themselves are compressed. At that stage the star consists almost entirely of neutrons and is typically only a few miles in diameter though of the same mass as our own Sun, which is hundreds of thousands of miles across.

Such an object possesses intense gravitational and magnetic fields, together with a small, tenuous atmosphere of charged particles. Dr Ramaty and his colleagues suggest that a disturbance within the star caused its body to vibrate. Such vibrations would have two effects.

First, the resulting variations in the star's gravitational field would radiate outwards at the speed of light, according to Einstein's general theory of relativity. Such gravitational radiation would be too faint to detect on Earth. Second, the vibrations would cause corresponding oscillations in the star's magnetic field, and hence also in the electrically charged gas surrounding the star. As a result the star's atmosphere would be heated to temperatures of more than a billion degrees.

It is at that stage that the gamma rays are generated. At such high temperatures, electrons and their anti-matter counterparts, positrons, are generated within the gas; they will then combine and be annihilated, producing gamma rays in the process.

Parts of that theory are more speculative than others. Nobody knows, for instance, what the interior of a neutron star is really like. But the possibility of vibrations has been raised before by theoreticians, and the mechanism for the gamma ray production itself is well established. It is probable that such events are rare, but the paucity of information about neutron stars makes them of considerable possible significance.

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KATHERINE I. PORTER ... United American Store writer

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Moortown friendly to Gallacher

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...stand to his credit, if ...ur measures come under ...tion, that he deliberately ... to manufacture some ...ailment, as often happens ...occasions. A representa-the Professional Golfers' ...ion expressed his sym-e King's position and was ...ner to conspire in some ...excuse. He was, he said, ...are of the pressures that ...wn on the players and ...n't want to have to re-man from the course in a ...cket, as has happened in ...ed States."

...hile the golf went on ... benevolent sun and the ...lers went on in their dif-...ays, Ballesteros still not ...rate off the tees as he would want and producing superb recovery shots. Gallacher a model of accuracy which yielded nothing to the course on 13 holes and stole a stroke from it on remaining five, without all that much help from his putter. This is his type of course, making few demands on his driver, probably his weakest club, and rewarding precision mid-iron play, the strongest weapon in his game.

There was a touch of Lytham about Ballesteros's round, with both fairway and green occasionally elusive targets, but all in all he feels that he is finding his true form after a lean spell. That captivating smile comes more readily to him now and that must be bad news for those who would hope to stand in his way for the rest of this season, let alone the rest of this tournament.

But the day belonged to Bernhard Langer, a 23-year-old player from Munich. He was a member of the Continent team who played the British Isles last week and his 64 is by no means regarded as a flash in the pan. Many have seen the virtues of his golf for some time and have been waiting for him to make the big breakthrough. He hit every fairway and every green yesterday and his known weakness, on the green, seems to have been cured by a new putter acquired at Sunningdale last week. Five single putts from distances up to 15 feet, precisely and simply explain his score.

Langer lies in second place, along with Bob Charles of New Zealand and Denis Watson of South Africa, who both had 67 yesterday. They are two strokes behind the leaders.

The personal tussle between Sandy Lyle and Greg Norman, of Australia, moved against the British player yesterday. He had a round of 72 for a total of 143 which puts him two strokes behind Norman, 69 yesterday. The significance of this is that with another British player, Gallacher, challenging for the championship at Moortown, Lyle may be denied a place in the big match play tournament at Wentworth next month, which offers such lucrative awards that even first round losers receive £4,000.

Leading qualifiers:

135 B. Gallacher 68, 65; S. Ballesteros (Spain) 67, 68.
135 B. Langer (WG) 71, 64; D. Watson (SA) 68, 67; B. Charles (NZ) 68, 67.
136 B. Marchbank 68, 68; G. Cullen 68, 68.
137 A. D. Jacklin 70, 67; N. Faldo 69, 68; E. Darcy 69, 68; S. Torrance 69, 68; W. Humphreys 68, 69; H. Clark 69, 68; B. Evans 68, 69.
138 T. Giles 69, 70; N. Coles 71, 68; T. Horton 70, 69; N. Job 72, 67; G. Brand 68, 71; J. O'Leary 71, 68; D. Smyth 69, 70; E. Polland 69, 70; M. Pinero (Spain) 70, 69.
140 D. Vaughan 72, 68; D. Ingram 71, 69; F. Murray 70, 70; T. Britz 68, 72; C. Player 70, 70; R. Barnes 73, 67; C. O'Connor 73, 67.
141 P. Berry 71, 70; P. Cowen 72, 69; R. Fetz 71, 70; M. Ballesteros (Spain) 70, 71; S. Martin 69, 72; D. Cooper 70, 71; J. M. Canizares (Spain) 70, 71; G. Norman (Australia) 72, 69; N. Brown 71, 70.
142 S. Roller 72, 70; T. Classens (SA) 72, 70; M. Foster 71, 71; C. Mason 72, 70; R. Falconbridge (SA) 72, 70; T. Cornelley 72, 70; S. Ginn (Australia) 72, 70; B. Waites 73, 69.
143 S. Owen (NZ) 70, 73; D. A. Russell 71, 72; D. Barnes (SA) 72, 71; B. Huggett 70, 73; P. Townsend 71, 71; D. Durnian 72, 71; G. Lyle 71, 72; D. M. James 70, 73; C. O'Connor Jun 73, 70; I. Mosey 69, 74.
144 R. Stewart (US) 74, 70; G. Clark 71, 73; D. Johns 71, 73.
145 A. Chandler 73, 74; D. Dunk 73, 72; M. Inglis 73, 72; S. Hobday (Zimbabwe) 73, 72; N. Wood 72, 73; M. Bembridge 73, 72; M. Miller 72, 73; P. Wilcox 72, 73; R. McColl 72, 73; T. Powell 70, 75; T. Ramalli 73, 72.

Gallacher: round in 65, his best golf for over a year.

Football

Memories of last season could inhibit Liverpool

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Whatever the ultimate cost of importing Kevin Keegan back into England, Southampton cannot complain that their investment has failed to bring sufficient publicity to the club or himself. His now perceptibly weary face beams from beam cans and the television screen. His absence from England or Southampton attracts as much comment as his appearances, and therein is part of his value.

His worth to the team is indisputably high but one still awaits absolute confirmation that his value is as much functional as psychological. Either way he remains a splendid player who will be badly missed when he retires from the British football stage after the 1982 World Cup.

Closer to Southampton's present interest is a hamstring injury that has kept him out of the team since the end of last month. Today more than any other since his arrival, his talent and experience will be required in a fascinating game against Liverpool, his former club, at the Dell.

The odds are in favour of Keegan playing. On Wednesday he played a full match for the reserve side without suffering pain from the injury. But yesterday the manager, Lawrie McMenemy, would not confirm Keegan's readiness. He said: "It's a matter of whether to risk him in a game like this or wait until Tuesday when we have a friendly at Swansea. Certainly it will have to be a last minute decision."

Commendably, Mr McMenemy has placed himself in a potentially embarrassing situation by suspending George for a week after an incident with a press photographer at Norwich last Saturday. He said it was a decision in line with his thoughts on improving the respectability of the game. George has been playing better than many people predicted, and if Keegan cannot replace him today Southampton will face their hardest test without two of the most talented players in the League.

Liverpool have moved to within a point of Southampton but with memories of last season's 3—2 defeat at the Dell and an unconvincing display against a Finnish team in the European Cup this week, they may not be in the mood to give of their best. At least Dalglish has recovered from an ankle injury but Cohen, the promising full back, is doubtful because of tonsillitis and Case and Johnson miss their third consecutive games. With or without Keegan, Southampton I fancy will retain an unbeaten home record but probably be made to suffer at Anfield after Christmas.

Mr McMenemy's sentiments on moral issues were taken further by the Norwich City manager, John Bond, who said at the club's annual meeting yesterday that in spite of the cost to Norwich he would like to see visiting supporters banned from Carrow Road.

The effect of hooliganism will be clear to see at Sheffield Wednesday's ground when Queen's Park Rangers play there today. The terraces will be empty, by order of the Football Association following crowd troubles at Oldham where Wednesday supporters were involved. Season ticket holders have been invited to sit and in a ground well provisioned with seats there could be room for all who wish to attend.

Nottingham Forest's assistant manager, Peter Taylor, has confirmed that despite offers from Manchester United and Everton, Birtles will remain at the club until after the first two rounds of the European Cup and then will only leave if a replacement can be found.

Allan Clarke, the new Leeds United Manager, has announced his arrival by dropping Sabella, the Argentine whose undoubted skill has been less evident since moving from Sheffield United. For a challenging first game against Manchester United, Mr Clarke will be sorry to lose one of his former playing colleagues, Madeley, who has a cut eye. Wood will play his first game for Arsenal in goal against Middlesbrough.

Sponsorship Deal: Southampton yesterday announced a three-year sponsorship deal with Rank Xerox. The contract was formally signed at midday

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Rugby Union

Welsh dress rehearsal with the New Zealanders in mind

By David Hands

After a quiet start to the season, Wales claim the spotlight in Cardiff today when their centenary celebrations begin with the match against an Overseas XV. Much has already been written about this landmark, not only in Welsh rugby history but in the international game, and a vast amount of work has gone on behind the scenes to make the season a success.

But of prime importance is that Wales get it right on the field. The sponsors may be willing, the plaudits for triumphs past may be flowing, but for the young players themselves and the people who watch them, success comes from 80 minutes' endeavour in the red shirt with the Prince of Wales feathers. Today's game at the National Stadium—with due respect to the representatives of the United States, Canada, Japan, Tonga, Fiji, Romania and Argentina, who make up the Overseas XV—can be seen in the light of a dress rehearsal for the game on November 1 against New Zealand.

It is an opportunity for Wales to assess current form and judge how near are the likes of Daniels and Norster to full international status. It is also a chance to assess Fenwick as prospective captain during the coming international season. Fenwick, his country's most-capped centre, led Wales on their close season tour to North America since Squire, last season's captain, was bound for South Africa with the Lions. Personally successful with the bat, Fenwick also made a deep enough impression to retain the leadership for today's match. Happily the injury which has recently affected him was cleared up during a fitness test this week.

Both Daniels and Norster accompanied Fenwick on tour and Norster played against the Romanians last season for a Welsh XV. With Martin, at 32, perhaps approaching the end of a long career in the Welsh second row, Norster may be regarded as the next in line. Daniels has played much of his rugby for Cardiff at centre three-quarter and may take time to adjust to the demands of playing on a wing.

The overseas party, who warmed up with a 26—9 win over North Wales, at Colwyn Bay on Wednesday, have called on three Romanians who were in the XV beaten by only a point by the Welsh XV, at Cardiff last season. The three Argentines are all seasoned tourers and the Canadian lock, de Goede made his home at Cardiff for some seasons, playing regularly in the club side at the Arms Park.

The teams are:

WALES: W. R. Blyth (Swansea); H. L. Rees (Neath), R. W. R. Gravell (Llanelli), P. Fenwick (Bridgend) (captain), P. Daniels (Cardiff); W. G. Davies (Cardiff), B. Williams (Swansea); C. Williams (Swansea), A. Phillips (Cardiff), G. Price (Pontypool), R. Norster (Cardiff), G. H. D. Wheel (Swansea), P. Ringer (Llanelli), K. Butler (Pontypool), J. Squire (Pontypool).

Most capped centre: Steve Fenwick who retains the captaincy of Wales today.

OVERSEAS XV: G. Taylor (Canada), M. Pulleyn (Japan), J. Piccardo (Argentina), I. Constantin (Romania), H. Ujaio (Japan), H. Madero (Argentina), P. Gallagher (Fiji), J. Ishiyama (Japan), M. Lutz (Canada), S. Mohkeemaka (Tonga), H. de Goede (Canada), J. Clark (US), C. Deleanu (Romania), G. Dumitru (Romania), [illegible] Travaglini (Argentina).
Referee: G. Norling (Wales).

In England, Lancashire, the county champions, begin preparations for the defence of their title against Ulster, at Orrell. Whatever the outcome it will be a source of regret that Creed, the flanker capped once by England in 1971, is no longer available. His intelligent play and leadership has had much to do with Lancashire's success during the 1970s but he has now heeded medical advice concerning a neck injury and retired at the age of 34.

Among club games Bristol hope to maintain their successful run against Welsh clubs. They have already beaten Cardiff and Newport and today Swansea visit the Memorial Ground without four leading players. Moseley, beaten by Nuneaton in mid-week, will be without Nutt in the back row and Abenhead at full back and will receive a rough ride from visiting Bath.

Northampton, without a win this season, welcome back their captain McGuckian on the wing against Richmond but another club captain, the former England back row forward, Rigley, is not available for Rosslyn Park because of injury. The park make the long trek North to play Gosforth. Two former captains of Wales are in London: Bennett leads Llanelli against the Harlequins and J. P. Williams will be with Bridgend at the Saracens ground in Southgate.

-round Swiss effort earns them lead

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...arkable combined effort ... two Swiss women gave ...untry a one-stroke lead ...e home Italian quartet ...combined score was 300 ... first round of the Fiat ... England, tied fourth with ... on 307, is the leading ...untry by one point from ...

With two rounds to ... would be premature to ...clusions, but the women's ...ance among the home ...s does not compare fav... with that of some Con...countries.

...wiss effort was a fine all-...one, as was that of the ...team, for whom Mrs ...Buscaini matched their ...le performance by Alberto ...with 73, but no one could ...that the Swiss pair would ...shed their game round so ...after their performance ...second hole. A short severe ...this hole caused the ...much tribulation.

...e Lantens, who is 120, ...l two shots with six but ...e Warra was twice in the ...ther and took four putts ...nine. It was a humiliating ...n one who last year had ...a individual women's prize. ...ponse was magnificent. She ...birdies at the next two holes and with another at the eighth was out in 38, no disgrace among the female scores.

She was round in 77, dropping one or two strokes in the tiring finish, which for the women meant more than five and a half hours on the course. Perhaps more important, her resolution inspired her young partner to excel on the greens. Miss Lauters chipped in, holed a huge putt, and had three twos in a 71, the lowest female score of the day.

The Englishmen laid a solid foundation with a total of 148, which was beaten only by the Netherlands, who suffered harshly from the last nine holes of their female partners. The 72 of Peter Deeble, the lowest of the day after the Norwegian, was an indication that he is in form for it was steadily scored and the two six-foot putts he holed at the end to save his par at the 17th and for a birdie at the 18th was the essence of this kind of tournament. McEvoy was solid enough in the long game but had one of those days when he thought he putted well but found most of the birdie chances just not making it.

For Scotland, Belle Robertson had an encouraging 74, though it looked much better at one time when she reached the turn in 34, the women's best of the day. But the inward half took its toll, especially of the women. Particularly dangerous was the short 12th (197 yards) where a shallow green lying at an angle to the line of the hole is guarded by a small stream. Both Rafferty and Bannon for Ireland, who were level par to the turn dropped two strokes each; there, while a lapse by Duncan Evans seriously affected the Welsh male effort. Evans went across and cleared stones on the edge of the stream, behind Stevens's ball but found too late that the ball lay within the confines of the hazard thereby causing his partner to be penalized two strokes.

Claire Hourihane's opening holes were watched with trepidation for she had been unwell most of the night. But in accordance with one of golf's natural laws she felt like death and played pretty well, certainly with character, following a seven at the tenth with two birdies and finishing well. That was in contrast to the Irish champion, Claire Nesbitt, who faded away so badly that it jeopardised the position of her team so that they ended up 46 strokes behind the leaders.

SCORES: 299: Switzerland (A. Countrier 76, C. A. Bagnoud 73, M. C. de Werra 77, R. Lautens 71); 300: Italy; 306: Norway; 307: Austria, England (P. Deeble 72, P. McEvoy 76, B. New 60, J. Walters 79); 308: Scotland (D. Jamieson 76, G. Brand 73, B. Robertson 74, F. Anderson 84); 309: Netherlands, Sweden; 311: Spain; 313: France; 314: Germany; 315: Ireland (R. Rafferty 75, M. Bannon 77, C. Nesbitt 87, C. Hourihane 76); 316: Denmark; 317: Wales (D. Evans 74, D. Stevens 81, A. Briggs 81, M. Rawlings 81).

Three fourballs won by United States

Edmond, Oklahoma, Sept 19.—The United States won all three opening fourball matches in the PGA Cup series against Britain and Ireland at the Oak Tree Club today.

In temperatures in the 90°, the British and Irish club professionals—winners of the event on home soil in 1978 and 1979 after a tie in Palm Springs, California in 1977—took an early lead

But the British and Irish players were soon struggling. The Club professionals champion, David Jagger and Alec Bickerdicke turned one down to Randy Golver and Jack Lewis but squared with a 15-yard putt for a birdie by Jagger at the 10th.

They halved the 13th in twos but Glover holed a 25-foot chip for an eagle three at the 16th and the Americans took the match by one hole, both sides coming home in 32.

David Thorp and Tony Minshall, two more newcomers to the side went two down at the 11th but birdied the 12th and 14th, when Minshall holed from 20ft, to go level. But the American club professionals champion, Buddy Whitten, snapped a birdie three at the 15th and an eagle three at the next and his partner, George Shortridge, holed from 10ft for a two at the next to give the Americans a three and one victory.

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...ustralia leads Americans in light airs

John Nicholls
...st, RI, Sept 19

...s winds on the course ...d the challenger Australia ...early stages of the resulted ...race of the America's Cup ...ff Newport this afternoon. ...stralians have always main-...that their boat was a flyer ...t airs and today she went ...ay towards justifying that.

...ed the American defender, ...n, round the first round ...course and gave her sup-...hope that the outcome of ...ries might not be such a ...e conclusion after all. ...a, sailed by Jim Hardy, ...ame to life in the later ... of yesterday's race, but ...able to record the win she ...y wanted before the time ...expired and the race was ...ned.

...y, after the start of the race had been delayed for two hours to allow the breeze to settle, Australia continued in the same vein. Using a new mainsail of British made Kevlar/Mylar material, she appeared to be even more competitive. The start was even, but instead of Dennis Conner's Freedom pulling away as usual, it was Australia that nosed ahead.

She was 28secs ahead at the windward mark, about the same at the gybe mark and further ahead, by about 45 seconds at the end of the round. Her spinnaker was a long time coming down at the leeward mark and Freedom gained a few seconds, but Australia was still leading as the two boats commenced what will surely be a critical second beat.

Both sides were claiming success after yesterday's abandoned race. Conner thought that Freedom had confirmed her all-round ability in all but the lightest of airs and the Australians were delighted to have been leading Freedom when the time limit expired. They were ahead by the widest margin of any challenger for many years when the race was stopped and one cannot dispute their claim that they would have won had it continued.

However, it did not and the event has been struck from the records. It is interesting to recall that the same thing happened in the second race of the last challenge in 1977. On that occasion the defender Courageous was robbed of a victory only a few hundred yards from the finishing line. She went on to beat Australia (the present challenger) by four races to nil.

As time ran out, yesterday Conner said his navigator Halsey Herreshoff kept him informed of the speed Freedom would have to average in order to complete the course. First the speed was something like five knots, which was feasible, then eight, nine and 10 knots, which was not.

Until the penultimate leg of the course, a dead run in a fast diminishing breeze, Freedom had appeared to be proceeding easily towards her second successive win. After being embarrassed momentarily by Australia at the start, the American boat pulled away round the early stages of the course and was over a minute ahead by the end of the first round.

She increased her lead on the second beat, but then she ran out of wind on the run. Australia broad-reached out to port and gradually drew abreast of Freedom, where they both stopped. When the breeze filled in again, from ahead, Australia caught it first and after that there was no stopping her. She rounded the leeward mark with Freedom still a long way astern, but she knew all the time that it would not count.

FA fine Everton £2,500 for poor discipline

Everton have been fined £2,500 because of their poor disciplinary record—last season—the biggest penalty ever imposed by the Football Association under their policy of fining clubs who accumulate more than 200 disciplinary points in a season.

Nine other clubs were also fined for totalling more than 200 points last season: Crewe and Gillingham were each fined £750, Sheffield United £700, Port Vale £600, Barnsley, Bury and Millwall £500 each, and Hereford £400.

Wrexham's manager, Arfon Griffiths, is to appear before a Welsh FA disciplinary committee on October 1, charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

Wolves are set Reid deadline

Wolverhampton Wanderers have been set a deadline in the transfer tangle involving Peter Reid of Bolton Wanderers. The Molineux club have been asked to sign Reid within three weeks or pull out completely.

The requests to Wolves and Reid came from a special meeting of the Football League's transfer fees tribunal in Manchester yesterday. Reid aged 23, a former England Under-21 international, completed his Bolton contract in the summer and refused new terms. In order to retain his registration and quality for a fee when he eventually moves on, Bolton have had to continue paying his £300 weekly wages, although he has not played this season.

Yesterday's results

Fourth division

Doncaster (1) 1		Southend (0) 0	
Little	6,034		
North'pton (1) 2		York (0) 0	
Phillips, Sarphy	1,643		
Scunthorpe (2) 2		Stockport (0) 0	
Cammack, O'Berg	1,985		
Tranmere (0) 1		Torquay (0) 0	
Beamish	1,564		

RUGBY UNION: Abertavon 7, Newbridge 10; Cardiff 35, Coventry 9; South Wales Police 10, Pontypool 29. County match: Buckinghamshire 24, Essex 10. Schools matches: Bishop Wandsworth's 4, Reed's 30. Falmouth 0, Truro 18.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Salford 19, St Helens 25.

Tennis

Panatta looks at home in the Davis Cup

Rome, Sept 19.—Italy achieved the important first point over Australia when Adriano Panatta, the local idol, defeated Paul McNamee 5—7, 6—4, 6—0, 6—4 in the first rubber of the Davis Cup inter-zone semi-final round today. Panatta, who at 30 is five years older than his opponent, extracted exuberant cheers from the highly partisan 2,000 crowd at the Ford Italico stadium following his triumph after three hours on court.

McNamee raced into an early lead in the first set, with some fierce attack, and broke Panatta's service in the second and seventh games. However, Panatta, who is often a slow starter, proved he is still a force to reckon with when, in the ninth game of the second set, he broke McNamee's service and controlled the remainder of the match.

The second singles rubber between Peter McNamara, who partnered McNamee in the Wimbledon men's doubles championship, and Corrado Barazzutti, was unfinished when bad light stopped play. The Australian made good headway towards levelling the match by leading 10—8, 1—6, 6—4.

In the other semi-final match, played in Buenos Aires, Jose-Luis Clerc, of Argentina, overcame an attack of nerves to beat Pavel Slozil, of Czechoslovakia, 6—3, 3—6, 4—6, 6—2, 6—1 and give the home country a 1—0 lead. Clerc, rated 10th in the world rankings compared with Slozil's 24th, produced so many unforced errors in the first three sets that he looked capable of losing the rubber.

However, his win, achieved in three hours and 20 minutes, confirmed Argentina's position as favourites to reach the final, with Guillermo Vilas due to meet Ivan Lendl in the second rubber.

Cycling

New professional raises British hopes

Derek Hunt, 22, from Hemel Hempstead, raised British hopes in the first 30 minute madison of the Skol six-day cycle race, at Wembley Arena last night.

Hunt, a professional for only one month, propelled his West German partner, the world motor-paced champion, Wilfried Peffgen, off the final bend to beat the all-conquering six-day team of Belgian's, Patrick Sercu and the West German, Albert Fritz over the finishing line for an added bonus of £150. Both teams hold a one-lap lead over the remainder of the 11 two-man teams which included six British riders.

Other British hopes include the 22-year-old Tony Doyle, also one month a professional, but already World pursuit champion, who rides with the West German, Udo Hempel, and Tony James, 25, who turned professional to ride at Wembley and attract a sponsor. He is reamed with Rene Pijnen of the Netherlands, a former Skol 6 winner and Olympic cycling champion.

50-LAP POINTS RACE FOR TEAMS: 1, D. Allan and D. Clark (Australia), 36 pts; 2, R. Savary (Switzerland) and N. Dean (GB), 64; 3, M. Barton (GB) and C. Tourne (Belgium), 87.

FIRST MADISON (30 minutes): 1, W. Peffgen (WG) and D. Hunt (GB); 2, P. Sercu (Belgium) and A. Fritz (WG); 3, W. Debrabander (Belgium) and F. Vinet (Italy).

HALFORD'S MOTOR-PACED RACE: 1, R. Savary (Switzerland) and N. Dean (GB), 20 pts; 2, U. Hempel (WG) and T. Doyle (GB), 10; 3, M. Barton (GB) and C. Tourne (Belgium), 5.

FIRST SPRINT: Hempel and Doyle. 5 pts. Second: G. Frank and K. Svendsen (Denmark). 3. Third: W. Peffgen (WG) and D. Hunt (GB). 2. Fourth: Hempel and Doyle. 5. Fifth: Schumacher and Happen. 3.

SAINT JULIEN EN GENEVOIX: Tour de Avenir: Leading stage places: 1, Bunyat (USSR) 175 miles, 2hr 37min 15sec; 2, R. Sosun (USSR) at 7sec; 3, F. Pierantoni (Italy) same time. Leading stage placings: 1, O. Flores (Colombia) 93; 2, V. Kachirin (USSR) at 04.06; 3, S. Soukhoroutchenkov (USSR) at 04.15.

For the record

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 8, Cleveland Indians 5; Baltimore Orioles 7, Detroit Tigers 3; Kansas City Royals 5, California Angels 2; Texas Rangers 10, Oakland A's 6; Chicago White Sox 5, Seattle Mariners 4; Milwaukee Brewers 9, Minnesota Twins 8 (and 5—0); New York Yankees 8, Toronto Blue Jays 7 (and 1—3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 2, San Francisco Giants 1; Houston Astros 10, Cincinnati Reds 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 7, San Diego Padres 3.

Golf

SAN ANTONIO: Texas Open tournament: Leaders: 64, F. Zoeller, M. Rogers, G. Hallberg; 65, J. Mitchell, F. Fezler, T. Diehl; 66, L. Trevino, H. Irwin, D. Tewell, J. Pate; 67, D. Graham (Australia), E. Breed, L. Hinkle, S. Simpson, K. Fergus. Other foreign scores: 68, B. Devlin (Australia); 70, P. Oosterhuis (GB); 73, J. Hawkes (SA); 76, R. Cole (SA).

KANSAS: Women's professional tournament, Overland Park: Leaders: 67, S. Hamlin; 68, B. Moxness; 70, B. Rogers; 71, H. Stacy, D. Austin, L. Galacz; 72, J. Stanger, P. Meyers, S. Bertolaccini (Argentina), S. Palmer, M. Mills, J. Britz, D. Germain, M. J. Smith (NZ), H. B. Dunn, E. Rover.

Rifle shooting

BISLEY: Police Rifle and Pistol Championships: Smallbore rifle (Devar course): 1, J. Armstrong (Cleveland), 390 pts; 2, K. Martin-Brookes (W Midlands), 388; 3, Mortimer (Metropolitan), 389. Smallbore rifle (team): 1, W Midlands, 1,152; 2, Greater Manchester, 1,159; 3, W Yorkshire, 1,149. Free rifle (three positions): 1, E. Williams (W Midlands), 1,092; 2, J. Armstrong (Cleveland), 1,067; 3, R. Searle (Metropolitan), 1,066. Standard pistol: 1, G. Harvey (Essex), 567; 2, J. Tollen (Strathclyde), 555; 3, J. Bagge (Metropolitan), 552. Practical pistol: 1, C. Stratford (City of London), 278; 2 (after tie), G. Harvey, 278; 3, P. Gilley (Merseyside), 274.

Cricket

LORD'S: Cross Arrows, 223 for 9 dec; Ex MCC Young Professionals, 225 for 7 (N. Ross 99). MCC Young Professionals won by 3 wickets. Today: Cross Arrows v The Adsetians.

Tennis

LAS VEGAS: Women's tournament: W. Turnbull (Australia) beat J. Mascarin, 5—7, 6—4, 6—3; R. Smith beat V. Ruzici (Romania), 6—2, 6—3; A. Jaeger beat J. Russell, 7—6, 6—1; K. Jordan beat J. Durie, 2—6, 6—4, 6—3; S. Hanika (WG) beat S. Walsh, 6—3, 3—6, 6—1; M. Jausovec (Yugoslavia) beat S. Acker, 2—6, 6—3; M. Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia) beat S. Margolin, 6—0, 6—3; M. Navratilova beat B. Potter, 7—5, 5—7, 7—5.

Golf

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

First division

A. Villa v Wolverhampton
Birmingham v West Bromwich
Brighton v Norwich
Everton v C. Palace
Ipswich v Coventry
Leeds v Manchester U.
Manchester C. v Stoke
Middlesbrough v Arsenal
Nottm. F. v Leicester
Southampton v Liverpool
Tottenham v Sunderland

Second division

Blackburn v Grimsby
Bolton v Swansea
Bristol C. v Notts. Co.
Cardiff v Bristol R. (7.30)
Chelsea v Preston
Derby v Wrexham
Luton v Orient
Newcastle v Oldham
Sheffield W. v Q.P. Rangers
Shrewsbury v Cambridge U.
West Ham v Watford

Third division

Barnsley v Swindon
Blackpool v Brentford
Charlton v Colchester
Chester v Burnley
Chesterfield v Newport
Fulham v Walsall
Huddersfield v Sheffield U.
Hull v Portsmouth
Millwall v Exeter
Oxford U. v Carlisle
Plymouth v Gillingham
Rotherham v Reading

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Barnet v Altrincham; Bath v Barrow; Gravesend v Boston United; Maidstone v Bangor City; Nuneaton v A.P. Leamington; Stafford Rangers v Telford; Wealdstone v Kettering; Weymouth v Scarborough; Worcester v Northwich Victoria; Yeovil v Frickley.

IRISH LEAGUE: Ulster Cup: Ards v Glentoran; Cliftonville v Distillery; Crusaders v Ballymena; Glenavon v Portadown; Larne v Coleraine.

Fourth division

Aldershot v Mansfield
Crewe v Halifax
Hartlepool v Hereford
Peterborough v Bournemouth
Port Vale v Darlington
Rochdale v Bradford C.
Wigan v Bury
Wimbledon v Lincoln

Scottish premier division

Celtic v Airdrie
Hearts v Morton
Kilmarnock v Rangers
Partick v Aberdeen
St Mirren v Dundee U.

Scottish first division

Berwick v Motherwell
Clydebank v Ayr
Dundee v Falkirk
Dunfermline v St Johnstone
E. Stirling v Stirling
Hamilton v Hibernian
Raith v Dumbarton

Scottish second division

Albion v Brechin
Forfar v Queen of South
Meadowbank v Clyde
Montrose v Alloa
Queen's Park v East Fife
Stenhousemuir v Cowdenbeath
Stranraer v Arbroath

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland Division: Bedworth v Banbury; Bromsgrove v Worcester; Cambridge City v Wellingborough; Cheltenham v Trowbridge; Corby v Taunton; Enderby v Alvechurch; Merthyr v Kidderminster; Minehead v Milton Keynes; Redditch v Bridgend; Whitley Town v Barry. Southern division: Ashford v Salisbury; Bognor Regis v Basingstoke; Crawley v Hastings; Dorchester v Dover; Folkestone v Chelmsford; Gosport v Aylesbury; Hillingdon v Addlestone and Weybridge; Hounslow v Canterbury; Margate v Dartford; Poole v Fareham Town; Tonbridge v Andover; Waterlooville v Dunstable.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Banstead Athletic v Harefield United; Burnham v Albion; Chalfont St Peter v Grays Athletic; Edgware v Windsor and Eton; Hoddesdon Town v Harlow; Borough Ruislip Manor v Eleet Town; Welling United v Uxbridge.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Grantham v Horncastle; Lancaster v Burton Albion; Macclesfield v Buxton; Marine v Gateshead; Netherfield v Mossley; Tamworth v Gainsborough; Witton Albion v Matlock; Workson v South Liverpool. League: Goole v Workington; King's Lynn v Southport; Morecambe v Doncaster.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Boreham Wood v Barking; Carshalton Athletic v Walthamstow Avenue; Dagenham v Hendon; Dulwich Hamlet v Hitchin Town; Enfield v Sutton United; Harrow Town v Wycombe Wanderers; At Epsom Town: Hayes v Leyton; Leatherhead v Harrow Borough; Leytonstone and Ilford v Walton; Slough Town v Tooting and Mitcham; Staines Town v Bromley. First division: Camberley Town v Walton and Hersham; Clapton v Oxford City; Epsom and Ewell v Bishop's Stortford; Hampton v Hertford Town; Kingstonian v Cheshunt; Maidenhead United v Lewes; Wembley v Metropolitan Police; Wembley v Finchley; Wokingham Town v St Albans City. Second division: Cheshunt v Hemel Hempstead; Eastbourne United v Hungerford Town; Epsom Town v Willesden; Feltham v Dorking Town; Molesey v Ensing Town; Southall v Petersfield; G.C. Trim Town v Horsham; Worthing v Harwich and Parkeston.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Cholmeleians v Old Alleynians.

Rugby Union

Tour match

Wales v Overseas XV (at Cardiff).

Representative match

Lancashire v Ulster (at Orrell, 3.30).

Club matches

Birkenhead Park v Sale; Blackheath v London Irish (2.45); Bristol v Swansea; Broughton Park v Cheltenham; Exeter v Camborne; Fylde v West Hartlepool; Glamorgan Wdrs v Tredegar; Gloucester v Waterloo; Gosforth v Rosslyn Park; Harlequins v Llanelli; Harrogate v Rugby; Hartlepool Rovers v Wigan; Huddersfield v Roundhay; Leicester v London Welsh; Liverpool v Birmingham; London Scottish v Headingley; Metro Police v Birmingham; Morley v Hawick; Moseley v Bath; Northampton v Richmond; Nottingham v Bedford; Penarth v Esher (1.30); Pontypool v Bridgend; Sheffield v Keighley; Torquay v Ebbw Vale; Wasps v Streatham; Croydon; Weston-super-Mare v Abertillery.

Rugby League

Second Division

Bramley v Batley.

Tomorrow

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern v Leeds (3.30); Featherstone Rovers v Barrow (2.30); Hull v Oldham; Wakefield Trinity v Halifax (3.30); Warrington v Castleford; Widnes v Hull KR; Wigan v York (3.30); Leeds (3.30).

SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool Borough v Huddersfield; Dewsbury v Swinton (3.30); Doncaster v Whitehaven; Hunslet v York (at Batley RFC ground) (3.30); Keighley v Fulham (3.15); Wigan v Huyton.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys v Pontypridd; Maesteg v Plymouth.

Hockey

Slough gain vote with their wealth of talent

By Sydney Friskin

The 1980-81 domestic hockey season begins at the spacious Barclays Sports ground, North Ealing, where the inter-league championship, sponsored by Trueman, is to be played today and tomorrow. Three pitches are available for this usually exciting prelude to five months of intense club rivalry.

Eight teams, league winners or runners-up in their own area, have been brought together and arranged in two groups. A: Cannock, Neston, Trojans, Slough; B: Isca, Sheffield, East Grinstead, Westcliff. The title was won last season by Isca, the West League champions.

The four teams in each group will play one another, for points and the winners will qualify for the final tomorrow at 4 pm. The group runners-up will play off for third and fourth places and the same principles will apply for the lower placings.

At this time of year form is unpredictable. Isca's triumph last season confounded the prophets whose predictions were more accurate later in the season when Isca were soundly beaten by Slough in the quarter-final round of the national club championship at Exeter.

The vote must automatically go this time to Slough, the European champions, with their wealth of talent which includes three members of the England training party: Taylor (goalkeeper), Barber (defender) and Khebar (midfield).

In group A I expect Slough to finish on top followed by Neston, their familiar northern rivals whose forward line includes Wilkinson, also a member of the England party. Group B should be a matter for dispute between Isca and Westcliff.

England U.23s only need a draw for title

By Joyce Whitehead

The England under-23 team played up to expectations yesterday on the first day of the International Under-23 tournament at St Andrew's in Scotland. Defending their title, they won their first two matches, beating Ireland 2—0 and Wales 3—0. Two second-half goals by Helen Bray (Hertfordshire), the darting speedy forward, one of them a penalty won the match against Ireland. Against Wales, an opening goal by the England captain, Ruth Hawes of Warwickshire, in the twentieth minute was followed quickly by one from the full international Barbara Holden (Northamptonshire) before half-time. Helen Woodward (nee Murray) shot the third after the interval.

As Scotland beat Wales 1—0 and then played a goalless draw with Ireland their match with England at 10.45 today will determine the final result. A win for Scotland would give them first place for the first time but any other result will leave England in possession of the Canada Trophy. Wales must beat Ireland if they are to avoid the wooden spoon.

At Homerton College, Cambridge, yesterday East lost to Argentina 1—0, Moira Bhinnand scoring the winning goal. Argentina were quick and quite skilful but the East defence led by former international Jenny Cardwell of Suffolk played well but the team tired before the end. However, if only Pru Carter could have converted the penalty stroke in the first half the story would have been different.

Athletics

Britain's team is weakened for high class match

Tokyo, Sept 19.—Six world record holders, from the United States, Italy and the Soviet Union, will head the field in an eight-nation athletics meeting here tomorrow. They include Ed Moses, the American who will compete in the men's 400 metres hurdles, Italy's Pietro Mennea and Sara Simeoni, world record holders for the men's 200 metres and women's high jump, and Wladyslaw Kozakiewkz, the Polish pole-vaulter.

The other world record holders are Soviet competitors—hammer thrower Yuri Sedikh and women's middle distance runner Tatyana Kazankina. The Soviet Union will field the strongest team which will include Moscow Olympic gold medallists Victor Markin, Jak Undmjae, Victor Rashupkin, Dainis Kula, Vera Komisova and Tatyana Kolpakova.

Britain, Finland, West Germany, Poland and Japan will make up the field while France and Sweden compete in some events as open entries. Each participating nation will provide only one competitor per event.

Among the West Germans are hurdler Harald Schmidt, who finished second behind Moses in last year's World Cup, and Karl-Hans Riehm, the silver medal winner in the hammer at the same meeting. Britain is sending a below strength team. Their notable absentees include Steve Ovett, Sebastian Coe and Allan Wells, who are all Olympic champions.—Reuter.

Ice skating

Miss Cottrill drops out

Deborah Cottrill, Britain's top women's figure skater, has had to withdraw from the ice international at Richmond on September 30-October 1 because of a stress fracture of her right shin bone.

Miss Cottrill said from her Solihull home yesterday: "I had another stress fracture last year but this time it is in my landing leg. I am sure it is caused by practising triple jumps." Her place will be taken by 17-year-old Alison Southwood, from Sunderland, who joins the British junior champion, Karen Wood (Gateshead).

Auckland's Games bid

Auckland, New Zealand, Sept 19.—A campaign has started to have Auckland as hosts for the Commonwealth Games in 1990, and the City Council last night unanimously decided to support the move which could bring the event to the city for the second time. Auckland was the host city in 1950.

Racing

Castle Keep should repel invaders

By Michael Seely

Castle Keep can stake his claim as a serious candidate for the Irish St Leger by winning the Coral Autumn Cup at Newbury this afternoon. One of the most exciting sights at the recent Doncaster meeting was that of Castle Keep treating Buttress and Shaftesbury, the Ebor winner, as though they were a couple of selling platers in the Rockingham Handicap. Edward Hide, one of the most experienced jockeys in the country, said afterwards that he could have won by 20 lengths without subjecting John Dunlop's three-year-old to a hard race.

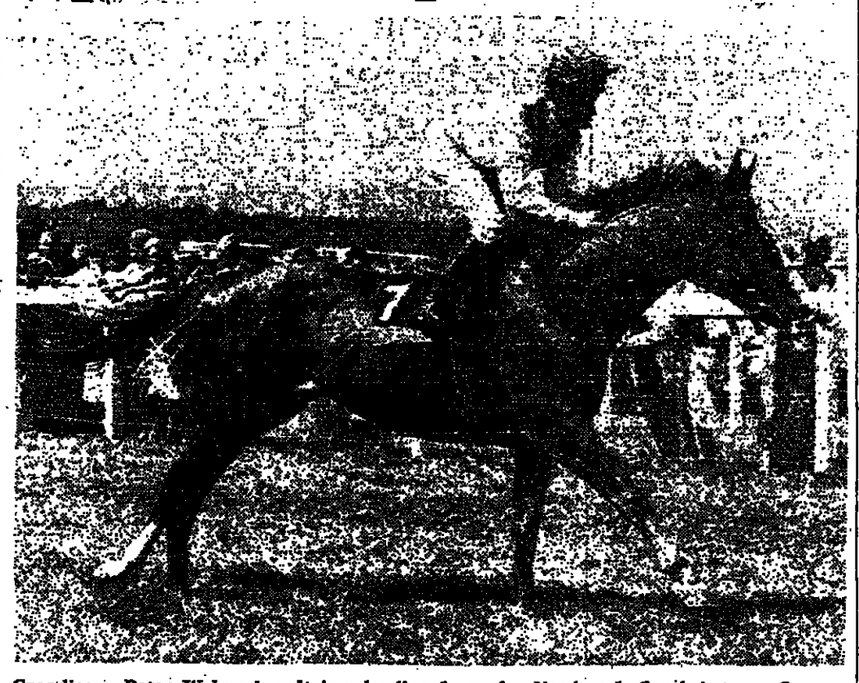
Castle Keep has been backed down from 5 to 1 to a much shorter price with the sponsors. But the favourite's task is not so simple as might first appear. Before Doncaster Castle Keep had won cleverly at Goodwood. And the handicapper had that evidence in front of him when he compiled this afternoon's weights. The Colt also has a 7lb penalty for his recent victory.

The form of the other runners is intricate. Peter Walwyn's Grandiose stamped himself as an improving three-year-old when beating Blaze of Glory at York. Shady Nook, three times a winner over the course, Mirror Boy and Le Soleil are always forces to be reckoned with in this kind of company.

The Mill Reef Stakes has attracted a comparatively sub-standard field. In the absence of Bel Bolide, the finish should be fought out by Another Realm and Poldhu. Like all Frank Durr's horses, Another Realm seems to improve with his racing. The colt was winning for the fourth time from eight starts when just proving too strong for Bel Bolide in the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood.

Poldhu has also shown improved form in his last two races. Michael Jarvis's colt was impressive when slamming Pellegrini on this course in August. He was subsequently unlucky in running when third to Bel Bolide in the Gimcrack Stakes at York. However, Another Realm may just have the edge.

Durr may land a double with Etching, who runs in the Peter Hastings Stakes. It is always dangerous to rely on conditions race form in handicaps. But the Auction Ring filly appeared to be on the upgrade when beating Our Home at Doncaster. Only two days earlier at the same meeting Etching had given a hint of better things to come when running Old Kate to a neck in the Fitzwilliam Stakes. If her exertions have not exhausted her Etching may prove to be too good for Stanislavsky, Kilroy Hawk and Seven Hearts.



Grandiose: Peter Walwyn's colt is a leading fancy for Newbury's Coral Autumn Cup.

The best bet at Ayr should be Lady Lorelei in the Firth of Clyde Stakes. Bruce Hobb's filly was a convincing winner in soft ground at Newcastle and should revel in this afternoon's conditions. Vocalist, Vienna Miss and Star Pastures all boast superior form, but at Gosforth Park Lady Lorelei only endorsed the high opinion held of her at Newmarket. At Catterick Bridge, Guy Reed's three-year-old, Flying Officer, is thought to be capable of winning the Middleham Maiden Stakes.

The draw played a vital part in the destination of the Ayr Gold Cup, sponsored by Ladbrokes, yesterday. Entering the last furlong Sparkling Boy swept clear of Murillo and Eagle Boy for a convincing victory. The first five home were all drawn under 10. None of those racing on the stand side were ever seen with a chance. These included my confident selection Flower. "As soon as I walked the track this morning I knew we had no chance," Guy Reed, the favourite's owner-breeder, said.

Paul Kelleway deserves every credit for his handling of the winner. Sparkling Boy broke a bone in his back on his only outing as a two-year-old when runner-up to Abington at Ascot. This season the Newmarket trainer has placed Sparkling Boy to win four races including yesterday's triumph. "After Willie Carson had won on him at Kempton in May, Tony Murray advised me to train him for the Ayr Gold Cup," Kelleway said. "They told me he wouldn't like the soft ground but I thought he'd go through it all right."

It was also an afternoon of glory for Sparkling Boy's rider, John Lowe. The Northern jockey also won the Kintyre Stakes on Some Bella, who dead-heated with Just Abroad, and completed his treble on Paradise Bird in the Ladbroke's Leisure Nursery. Lowe was also fined £25 for improper use of the whip on Some Bella.

At Newbury the world and his wife seemed to know that the Aga Khan's newcomer, Shergar, was strongly fancied for the Kris Plate. With Bold Raider an absentee, Shergar was made favourite at 11-8. The Great Nephew colt's backers never had a moment of anxiety as Lester Piggott sent the two-year-old clear for a comfortable win. "Shergar might have one more run for experience," Michael Stoute said, "and then we'll put him away until next season."

It is becoming more and more obvious that the Newmarket trainer has an exceptionally powerful team of young horses. So too has Guy Harwood, whose Kalaglow gave the Sussex trainer his 17th winner of that age group when defying top weight in the Oakley Vaughan Nursery.

STATE OF GOING (official): Ayr: soft; Newbury: good to firm; Catterick Bridge: good; Bangor-on-Dee: firm; Warwick: hurdles good, steeplechase good to firm. Monday: Leicester: good to firm; Bath: good; Plumpton: good to firm

Boutin can win Irish prize with Corvaro

From an Irish Racing Correspondent

Dublin, Sept 19

Four years ago François Boutin won the inaugural running of the Joe McGrath Memorial Stakes with Malacate. This afternoon he is hoping for a repeat in this 10 furlong group one event in which he will be represented by Corvaro. This colt has not done a great deal of racing, but he showed a lot of ability in the Prix Eugene Adam over today's distance at St-Cloud in July where he left his field five lengths behind.

The aim of the organizers in attempting to stage a tip-top international race has worked out on this occasion for apart from Corvaro, the field of 11 also includes an English runner, Cracaval, from the Barry Hills' stable. Although Cracaval has had a disappointing season he did run a satisfactory race at York to finish third to Master Willie and Cairn Rouge, in the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup. He was blinkered then and will be again today.

It is surprising to find Vincent O'Brien running three group race winners in one contest. He saddles Gregorian, who was third to Ela-Mana-Mou in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes; Night Alert, who was third in the 2,000 Guineas and Gonzales, who sustained his only defeat in the French Derby.

Tommy Murphy, with the choice of rides, has opted for Gregorian, although further overnight rain would certainly be against his chance. The ground, however, will be ideal for Corvaro, who should win himself a clutch of new Irish admirers for a stud career that will commence in this country in 1981.

The other big attraction of the afternoon will be the reappearance in the Larkspur Stakes of the unbeaten Vincent O'Brien-trained Storm Bird, the favourite for next season's 2,000 Guineas and Derby.

Storm Bird faces a genuine test on this occasion, as he has to give away 7 lb to Band Practice, an unlucky loser at the Phoenix Park last time out and previously a 10-length winner up at the Curragh.

Three Troikas set for a successful return

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent

Paris, Sept 19

Most attention this Sunday at Longchamp will be focused on Three Troikas, who will be running in the 10-furlong Prix du Prince d'Orange before attempting to win the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe for the second year in succession. She will be opposed in the group three event by Northern Baby, Dunette (if the ground is not soft) who has recovered from a recent attack of colic and Providential, to name just three with a leading chance.

The group one Prix de la Salamandre is also on the same programme and this looks to be between Ancient Regime, Miswaki and Prince Mab, who filled the first three places in the Prix Morny. The only other race of importance on Sunday is the Prix de Lutece, which is a trial for the Prix Royal-Oak (French St Leger) on October 26.

Three Troikas has not been on a racecourse since June 1 when she finished third (beaten a total of three and half lengths) behind Northern Baby and Strong Gale in the Prix Dollar. It was subsequently found that Three Troikas had sustained a hairline fracture of her off-fore metacarpal bone and so the daughter of Lyphard was confined to her box for a total of 35 days.

It was not certain that Three Troikas would race again, but Criquette Head has gradually nursed the filly back to soundness. Last Tuesday, Three Troikas brought a smile back to her connexions' faces after a workout on the Chantilly gallops. Back in April Three Troikas won the Prix d'Harcourt from Gain and L Marnot, who took his revenge th following month in the Prix Gane where he beat Three Troikas by length and a half with Norther Baby three lengths away, third.

I am quite sure that Thr Troikas would not have bee risked if not back to somethi like top form, so she will be n selection in the Prix du Prin d'Orange. In last year's Arc Thr Troikas defeated Le Marnot three lengths and Northern Ba was back in sixth position, havi failed to stay the distance. Sin taking the Prix Dollar, Norther Baby has performed poorly in t Prix d'Ispahan, where the goi was against him, the Benson a Hedges Gold Cup and, more r cently, in the Prix du Moulin Longchamp.

Dunette has also had the di tinction of beating Three Troika This was in the 1979 Prix de Dia (French Oaks) when Dunette ca with a late run to catch Thr Troikas on the line. But Dunet has never liked the Longcha course, although with age s might act a little better down t long descent. This season Dunet has dead-heated with Shakapo for the Grand Prix de Saint-Clo and then finished fourth to E Mana-Mou in the King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamo Stakes at Ascot.

I think Miswaki may come o the best in the seven furlo Prix de la Salamandre. He will n only prefer the extra distance b should also feel much more home on the Longchamp cours In the six-furlong Prix Morny Deauville, Miswaki looked t winner with half a furlong to ru but could not resist the late cha lenge of Ancient Regime

Longchamp runners

PRIX DE LA SALAMANDRE (Group I: 2-y-o: £27,933: 7f)

112	Silver Express, M. Saliba, 8-11	A. Gibe
212	Shoen, G. Bonnaventure, 8-11	G. Dubroeu
31321	Travolta, J. de Chevigny, 8-11	
1	Cresta Rider, F. Boutin, 8-11	
12	Miswaki, F. Boutin, 8-11	P. Paqu
331113	Prince Mab, A. Head, 8-11	F. He
1421	Ancient Regime, J. Fellows, 8-8	M. Philippero

6-4 Ancient Regime, 7-4 Miswaki, 5-2 Prince Mab, 8-1 Shoen, 10-1 Silv Express.

PRIX DU PRINCE D'ORANGE (Group III: £16,760: 1¼m)

1-31000	Northern Baby, F. Boutin, 4-9-4	P. Paquet
14-3014	Dunette, E. Chevalier du Fau, 4-9-5	G. Doleuz
211-123	Three Troikas, Mrs C. Head, 4-9-1	F. He
-010144	Manguin, F. Boutin, 4-9-0	P. Paquet
11-123	Providential, O. Douieb, 3-9-0	R. Jal
-1101	Moulouki, M. Saliba, 3-9-0	H. Sama
-322032	Strong Gale, A. Paus, 3-9-0	Y. Saint-Mart
0010-00	Sealy, Mrs C. Head 4-8-10	P. Bruneo
-324002	Viteric, M. Saliba, 3-8-9	A. Gibe
-410020	Fatamoun, J. Cunnington, jun, 3-8-9	J.-C. Desai

*P. Paquet rides either Northern Baby or Manguin.

5-2 Three Troikas and Sealy (coupled), 3-1 Northern Baby, 4-1 Strong Gal, 9-2 Dunette, 11-2 Providential, 7-1 Moulouki and Viteric (coupled), 12-1 Manguin, 20-1 Fatamoun.

Newbury programme

[Television (BBC 1): 2.0, 2.30, 3.0 and 3.30 races]

2.0 ARLINGTON STAKES (£2,498 : 1m)

1	042031	Aldeburgh Festival, D. Whelan, 4-8-13	P. Cook	7
4	0221	*Sand Hawk, J. Tree, 3-8-8	J. Reid	1
5	20-2203	Beldale Gunflint, M. Jarvis, 3-8-5	L. Piggott	5
6	21-4004	Divino Santi (C), H. Price, 3-8-5	B. Rouse	3
7	222402	Glowing Tan, R. Sheather, 3-8-5	J. Matthias	4
8	300042	Intinto, H. Cecil, 3-8-5	J. Mercer	2
10	014044	Widd, M. Masson, 3-8-5	B. Raymond	6
11	40440-1	Gay Milly (D), W. Hern, 3-8-2	W. Carson	8

9-4 Gay Milly, 11-4 Intinto, 4-1 Beldale Gunflint, 6-1 Aldeburgh Festival, 7-1 Divino Santi, 10-1 others.

2.30 LOUIS ROEDERER HANDICAP (2-y-o : £6,261 : 5f)

202	021114	Sanu (D), A. Breasley, 9-4	L. Piggott	17
203	313	Palumba (C,D), H. Candy, 9-2	P. Waldron	15
205	201203	Footshore (D), G. Harwood, 8-13	G. Starkey	9
207	303214	Dalegarth (D), K. Ivory, 8-12	J. Reid	10
208	0010	Dead Straight, R. Smyth, 8-9	M. Rimmer 5	6
209	03210	Pipperetta, R. Smyth, 8-9	—	8
210	13233	Amorous (D), J. Hindley, 8-9	J. Mercer	6
212	0421	Pariscene, N. Callaghan, 8-8	W. Carson	12
211	01140	Barnet Heir (D), B. Swift, 8-8	M. Thomas	4
217	120023	Sharp Venita (C,D), P. Cole, 8-4	—	7
218	1	Lacework, M. Stoute, 8-3	P. Cook	2
219	044000	Dollar Pocket, R. Simpson, 8-2	N. Adams 7	14
222	330434	Brentex, N. Vigors, 8-0	R. Curant	11
223	100200	Dear Jem (D), A. Bailey, 7-12	—	1
225	130423	Ballylingo (D), G. Lewis, 7-10	R. Hills 7	3

4-1 Sanu, 5-1 Ballylingo, 6-1 Amorous, 13-2 Lacework, 8-1 Footshore, Dalegarth, 10-1 Pariscene, 12-1 Sharp Venita, 14-1 Brentex, 16-1 others.

3.0 CORAL AUTUMN HANDICAP (£9,260 : 1m 5f 60yd)

301	1-13111	Castle Keep (C,D), J. Dunlop, 3-9-1	W. Carson	5
303	131403	Shady Nook, H. Blagrave, 5-8-11	P. Cook	10
306	000404	Laska Floko, C. Brittain, 4-8-7	L. Piggott	7
309	014413	Neparree, B. Hills, 5-8-1	B. Rouse	4
310	210-002	Lumen, J. Gifford, 5-7-11	M. Thomas	2
312	112122	Mirror Boy, H. Price, 3-7-9	J. Blanks	8
313	004422	Le Soleil, H. Price, 6-7-7	A. Clark 7	3
314	301141	Grandiose, P. Walwyn, 3-7-7	R. Fox	6
315	01-4110	Grey Mountain, P. Kelleway, 7-7-7	S. Salmon	9
318	003044	Autumn Running, R. Boss, 3-7-7	B. Crossley 5	1

13-8 Castle Keep, 9-2 Grandiose, 6-1 Mirror Boy, 7-1 Lumen, 10-1 Neparree, 12-1 Le Soleil, 14-1 Shady Nook, 20-1 Laska Floko, 25-1 others.

3.30 MILL REEF STAKES (Group II : £17,550 : 6f)

401	114131	Another Realm (D), F. Durr, 9-1	J. Mercer	5
402	123	Mattaboy, R. Armstrong, 8-11	L. Piggott	7
403	21412	Poldhu (C,D), M. Jarvis, 8-11	B. Raymond	1
405	12114	Red Russet, I. Balding, 8-11	J. Matthias	6
407	113	Southern Frontier, R. Houghton, 8-11	J. Reid	3
408	0214	Sweet Monday (D), J. Holt, 8-11	P. Waldron	4
409	1	Von Erlach (D), C. Brittain, 8-11	—	2

6-4 Poldhu, 4-1 Another Realm, 11-2 Mattaboy, 8-1 Southern Frontier, 10-1 Sweet Monday, 12-1 Von Erlach, 16-1 Red Russet.

4.0 PETER HASTINGS HANDICAP (£5,241 : 1¼m)

502	2-03230	Red Rufus (D), P. Walwyn, 4-9-3	J. Mercer	4
503	140021	Stanislavsky (D), H. Price, 3-9-3	L. Piggott	8
504	004141	Kilroy Hawk (D), L. Cumani, 4-9-8	R. Guest	9
505	200040	Northleach (C), J. Dunlop, 5-9-7	W. Carson	7
506	4-30100	Fine Blue (D), P. Makin, 7-9-5	P. Cook	5
508	232412	Seven Hearts, W. H.-Bass, 4-9-1	J. Reid	1
511	321132	Telsmoss (D), P. Mitchell, 4-8-6	B. Crossley 5	6
513	3-40100	Wearmouth (D), W. Wightman, 4-8-5	M. Thomas	3
514	140000-	Massena, D. Sasse, 4-8-5	J. Matthias	2
516	041121	Etching (D), F. Durr, 3-8-4	G. Starkey	10

13-8 Stanislavsky, 4-1 Seven Hearts, 11-2 Kilroy Hawk, 6-1 Telsmoss, 8-1 Etching, 10-1 Red Rufus, 12-1 Fine Blue, 14-1 others.

4.30 HARWELL STAKES (2-y-o maidens : £2,449 : 5f)

601	23	Archimboldo, M. Masson, 9-0	B. Raymond	12
602		Aventura, H. Candy, 9-0	P. Cook	10
603	00	Copper Prince, S. Mellor, 9-0	R. Fox	1
607		Edgedale, P. Cole, 9-0	M. Malham 7	4
609	0	Holmbury Lad, G. Harwood, 9-0	G. Starkey	9
610		Kinnigger, M. E. Francis, 9-0	J. Mercer	5
612	0	Mr Mischief, M. Masson, 9-0	R. Curant	14
613	202	Ringal, A. Breasley, 9-0	L. Piggott	13
615	3	Smile For Me, R. Houghton, 9-0	J. Reid	6
616	002	Swinging Rhythm, J. Holt, 9-0	P. Waldron	15
619		Tondancer, N. Smyly, 9-0	T. Morby	16
620	0	Walk March, W. Wightman, 9-0	M. Thomas	2
621	402	Bright Landing, J. Tree, 8-11	W. Carson	3
623	0	Jamanda, W. H.-Bass, 8-11	J. Matthias	11
625	000	Spring Bride, W. Wightman, 8-11	S. Woolley 3	8
627		White Saint, B. Hills, 8-11	R. Street	7

2-1 Swinging Rhythm, 7-2 Ringal, 5-1 Bright Landing, 13-2 Smile For Me, 10-1 Archimboldo, 12-1 Holmbury Lad, 16-1 Jamanda, White Saint, 20-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Newbury selections

By Michael Seely

2.0 Intinto. 2.30 Amorous. 3.0 CASTLE KEEP is specially recommended. 3.30 Another Realm. 4.0 Etching. 4.30 Ringal.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Intinto. 2.30 Lacework. 3.0 Laska Floko. 3.30 Another Realm. 4.0 Etching.

Catterick Bridge programme

[Television (ITV): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.45 YORKSHIRE TRAINERS TROPHY HANDICAP (£1,329 : 7f)

2	303411	Ol Oyston (CD), J. Berry, 4-9-5	K. Darley 5	13
4	302310	Middleham, E. Weymes, 4-9-1	K. Hodgson 5	1
8	422004	Swizzle, Denys Smith, 4-8-13	R. Sidebottom 5	11
9	30-243	Arctic Tribune, Miss S. Hall, 6-8-12	W. Swinburn	3
10	000020	Miss Cindy (D), J. Etherington, 5-8-9	J. Seagrave	5
12	120000	Deputy, J. Fitzgerald, 5-8-8	G. Oldroyd	6
16	030000	Red Tapis, Denys Smith, 3-8-5	G. Oliver	16
17	70-4003	Olro's Folly (CD), G. Huffer, 4-8-3	M. Miller	9
18	004020	Swing The Axe (CD), D. Weeden, 5-8-4	P. Young	2
25	110000	The Old Feller (D), K. Ivory, 4-8-0	G. Duffield	12
24	0200-00	Gnos, P. Wigham, 6-7-13	A. Mercer 5	2
27	03044-0	Telomon Lad, G. Richards, 4-7-13	M. Wood 5	17
26	010400	Hexgreave Elite (CD), R. Hobson, 5-7-13	W. Newnes 3	11
29	000020	Timarack, S. Nesbitt, 4-7-10	A. Nesbitt 5	4
30	0-00004	Lolina Star, W. Marshall, 3-7-10	D. McKay	18
31	004000	Anikoderi, W. H. Williams, 3-7-9	M. Hills 7	14
32	360024	Fearless Flight, W. Elsey, 3-7-9	N. Carlisle 3	15
33	000-000	Dragoman, K. Stone, 4-7-8	A. Proud 5	8

5-1 Olro's Folly, 4-1 Ol Oyston, 9-2 Middleham, 6-1 Swizzle, 15-2 Arctic Tribune, 10-1 Fearless Flight, 14-1 others.

2.15 RALPH LAWSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£2,029 : 1½m)

3	244031	Teresilla, R. Sheather, 5-9-10	R. Cochrane 5	1
4	316400	Gleaming Wave, G. Huffer, 6-9-9	M. Miller	5
5	421120	Border Knight, Denys Smith, 5-9-9	R. Sidebottom	13
6	203004	Pittencrieff (CD), E. Weymes, 5-9-1	J. Seagrave	9
8	4203-03	Tony, E. Weymes, 8-9-5	G. Duffield	14
11	140001	Redenham, W. A. Stephenson, 4-9-1	T. Lucas	8
12	000000	Happy Worker, M. W. Easterby, 3-8-13	A. Kimberley	3
13	322240	Syncopate, K. Stone, 4-8-12	J. Skilling	9
14	000003	Winter Sunshine, P. Haslam, 4-8-10	B. Jago	11
16	230201	Miss Barnaby (CD), M. H. Easterby, 3-8-7	K. Hodgson 5	20
21	2-00102	Another Move, J. Calvert, 4-8-5	A. Mercer 5	2
23	2021-00	Sauna Time, W. Haigh, 4-8-3	A. Proud 5	17
25	312000	Malnat Saba, D. Weeden, 6-8-3	P. Young	16
27	030010	Hi Noon (C), Hbt. Jones, 4-8-2	W. Newnes	12
28	000332	Ski's Double, R. Hollinshead, 4-8-0	W. Swinburn	10
28	334400	Rodshot, C. Booth, 5-7-10	G. Oldroyd	15
29	2-00300	Gay Walk, Miss S. Hall, 4-7-10	—	7
30	00-040	Imperial Amber, J. Fitzgerald, 4-7-9	K. Darley	4
31		Telestar, M. Chapman, 6-7-9	A. Nesbitt 5	19
33	000001	Gambling Wren, W. Elsey, 4-7-8	N. Carlisle 5	15

5-1 Miss Barnaby, 4-1 Border Knight, 11-2 Teresilla, 13-2 Ski's Double, 8-1 Tony, 10-1 Gleaming Wave, 12-1 Pittencrieff, 14-1 others.

2.45 LONDON AND NORTHERN HANDICAP (2-y-o : £2,880 : 7f)

2	011	Pieta, M. Stoute, 9-5	W. Swinburn	7
3	222423	Henry Morgan, R. Sheather, 8-6	R. Cochrane 5	6
4	041230	Melingo, Etherington, 8-5	J. Seagrave	9
5	132300	Tumbledownhill, W. Wright, 8-5	G. Duffield	12
6	004014	Holdall, P. Asquith, 8-2	K. Darley	5
7	323303	Sovereign Landing, M. H. Easterby, 7-12	K. Hodgson 5	11
8	00030	Lexham View, M. Tompkins, 7-11	M. Miller	4
9	212000	*Zigarth, W. Elsey, 7-11	N. Carlisle 3	10
11	304013	Stormy Jim (D), Hbt. Jones, 7-10	W. Newnes 3	2
12	4033	Manday, J. Hindley, 7-10	M. Hills 7	14
13	412414	Monza Lady, E. Weymes, 7-9	A. Mercer 5	1
15	0000	Sun Diver, Denys Smith, 7-7	D. McKay	5
16	000410	Mote, R. Houghton, 7-7	S. Cooper 7	3
17	00012	Silver Leo (CD), J. Harris, 7-7	A. Nesbitt 5	13

100-30 Henry Morgan, 9-2 Manday, 5-1 Pieta, 6-1 Sovereign Landing, 8-1 Silver Leo, 10-1 Melingo, 12-1 Holdall, 14-1 others.

3.15 BEDALE STAKES (3-y-o : selling : £633 : 1½m)

1	000000	Ambersea, J. Harris, 9-0	P. Young	8
3	0-02500	Felder, J. Calvert, 9-0	R. Sidebottom 5	10
4	000-100	Frank Stewart, R. Ward, 9-0	P. Young	4
5	400341	Mr Polli, P. Asquith, 9-0	W. Swinburn	12
7	03-2060	Noxid, Hbt. Jones, 9-0	W. Newnes 3	15
10	000063	Despatch, M. Prescott, 8-11	G. Duffield	10
11	000030	Dora Vaca, J. Etherington, 8-11	J. Seagrave	2
12	0-	Embassen, K. Ivory, 8-11	R. Cochrane 5	1
13	040-0	Grangetown Lady, I. Vickers, 8-11	D. Nicholls	7
14	0-00000	Horkey, G. Wallace, 8-11	K. Hodgson 3	5
15	060000	Imprimeur, R. Hobson, 8-11	T. Lucas	3
16	0000	Lady Rancha, S. Wiles, 8-11	—	6
17	000300	Lynwood Lady, T. Fairhurst, 8-11	O. Gray	9
18	000000	Miss Couture, J. W. Watts, 8-11	A. Mercer 5	13
19	003340	Miss Kuwait, J. Fitzgerald, 8-11	G. Oldroyd	11
21	0-00000	Staiyuna, W. Wright, 8-11	K. Darley	7

5-1 Despatch, 4-1 Mr Polli, 6-1 Lynwood Lady, 13-2 Miss Couture, 9-1 Dora Vaca, 12-1 Miss Kuwait, 14-1 Frank Stewart, 16-1 Felder, 20-1 others.

3.45 ASKRIGG STAKES (2-y-o fillies : £1,048 : 5f)

2	1	Blue Lass (D), M. Stoute, 9-1	W. Swinburn	6
4	1	Goody Goody (D), R. Houghton, 9-1	D. McKay	9
5	40001	Hurtwood Lass, A. Balding, 9-1	—	15
5	040	African Expert, G. Toft, 8-8	R. Cochrane 5	3
6		Avec L'Amour, M. Prescott, 8-8	G. Duffield	7
7	0002	Balatina, A. Dalton, 8-8	A. Kimberley	2
8	060	Betty's Bid, S. Norton, 8-8	—	11
9	00	Blochairn Skolar, V. Mitchell, 8-8	J. Higgins	8
10	000003	Christines Folly, S. Nesbitt, 8-8	A. Nesbitt 3	12
11	03000	Consistent Queen, E. Weymes, 8-8	A. Mercer 3	13
12	40302	Doubtwash Girl, M. W. Easterby, 8-8	T. Lucas	18
13		Feast-Rite, K. Stone, 8-8	G. Oldroyd	4
17	000	Fine Sun, J. Etherington, 8-8	J. Seagrave	12
18		Frabwah, R. Richmond, 8-8	D. Nicholls	21
19	0040	Golden Baby, A. W. Jones, 8-8	N. Carlisle 5	1
21		Melatina, W. Gray, 8-8	—	17
22	222303	Miss Cherry, J. Berry, 8-8	K. Darley	20
23	23	Polly Royal, G. Huffer, 8-8	M. Miller	14
24	000400	Snap Tin, R. Ward, 8-8	P. Young	19
28	0	Tillymorgan, M. W. Easterby, 8-8	J. Skilling	4
29	000	Tyejest, Miss S. Hall, 8-8	O. Gray	10

6-4 Blue Lass, 5-2 Goody Goody, 4-1 Polly Royal, 13-2 Hurtwood Lass, 14-1 Avec L'Amour, 16-1 others.

4.15 MIDDLEHAM STAKES (3-y-o maidens : £704 : 2m)

2	300232	Brontolino, R. Houghton, 9-0	D. McKay	12
5	00	Cover Girl's Son, M. W. Easterby, 9-0	T. Lucas	10
6	005	Flying Officer, C. Thornton, 9-0	[illegible]	13
8	000062	Prince of Steel, R. Hollinshead, 9-0	W. Swinburn	7
10	223030	The Professor, J. W. Watts, 9-0	A. Mercer 5	4
11		Vivario, Hbt. Jones, 9-0	W. Newnes 3	11
12	04	Wannarion, M. Chapman, 9-0	P. Young	3
13	003024	Whisper A Word, E. Weymes, 9-0	J. Seagrave	6
15	204000	Beryl's Gift, N. Tinkler, 8-11	C. Wharton	1
19	0-02204	Golden Royalty, J. Calvert, 8-11	R. Sidebottom	5
21	000400	Peddy Blue, P. Asquith, 8-11	K. Hodgson	3
26	200030	Starlight Peaks, R. Sheather, 8-11	R. Cochrane	2
27	0-03243	Twice Nice, J. Fitzgerald, 8-11	G. Brown	4

15-8 Brontolino, 3-1 Prince of Steel, 5-1 The Professor, 13-2 Twice Nice, 10-1 Starlight Peaks, 12-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Catterick Bridge selections

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1.45 Ol Oyston. 2.15 Miss Barnaby. 2.45 Pieta. 3.15 Despatch. 3.45 Blue Lass. 4.15 Flying Officer.

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1.45 Olro's Folly. 2.15 Teresilla. 2.45 Pieta. 3.15 Despatch. 3.45 Blue Lass. 4.15 Starlight Peaks.

Ayr programme

[Television (ITV): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.30 CROWN PLUS TWO HANDICAP (2-y-o : £2,197 : 5f)

2	214144	Dragonist (CD), J. Bethell, 9-5	N. Connorton	9
6	3310	Wrightway Blues (CD), B. Hanbury, 8-11	M. Banner 7	7
7	033004	Willie Gan, Denys Smith, 8-10	R. Campbell 3	8
11	011	Crosby Triangle (D), P. Haslam, 8-1	P. Tasker 5	6
12	000300	Arandar, W. H. Williams, 7-13	C. Longair 7	2
13	001	Disco Fever (D), J. Mason, 7-12	B. Jones 5	10
14	330	Granpark, J. S. Wilson, 7-11	—	3
17	000004	Wish Upon A Star, S. Nesbitt, 7-8	R. Fotheringham 7	5
18	0003	Take Shelter, W. H. Williams, 7-7	Paul Eddery	4
19	004200	Gold Guinea, W. Musson, 7-7	D. McKeown	1

7-2 Crosby Triangle, 4-1 Wrightway Blues, 5-1 Disco Fever, 6-1 Dragonist, 8-1 Willie Gan, 10-1 Take Shelter, 12-1 others.

2.0 LADBROKE'S STRATHCLYDE HANDICAP (3-y-o : £3,622 : 1m)

1	010230	Jester's Boy, P. Cole, 9-7	T. Ives	5
2	300021	Changabang (D), R. Hollinshead, 9-7	M. Wigham	1
3	100300	Lafontaine, C. Brittain, 9-6	E. Johnson	3
4	004300	Lingdale (D), W. Elsey, 9-4	G. Sexton	2
5	21-3003	Anglepoise (D), S. Norton, 9-3	J. Lowe	4
6	14-0001	Rosia Bay (D), W. H.-Bass, 9-2	E. Hide	6

9-4 Changabang, 5-2 Rosia Bay, 4-1 Anglepoise, 13-2 Lingdale, 10-1 Jester's Boy, 12-1 Lafontaine.

2.30 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS HANDICAP (£5,364 : 7f)

3	120413	Eagle Boy (D), W. Bentley, 4-9-13	M. Wigham	6
4	340004	Miss Taymore (D), S. Norton, 3-9-8	J. Lowe	4
5	313214	Rabdan (D), R. Armstrong, 3-9-8	P. Tulk	10
6	112012	Crown Witness (C), W. H.-Bass, 4-9-7	D. McKeown 5	8
9	300000	Baudelaire (D), D. Sasse, 6-9-4	T. Rogers	9
10	142200	Azerlia (D), Denys Smith, 4-9-2	R. Campbell 7	5
11	010000	Skin Deep (D), W. Musson, 7-9-0	P. Robinson	3
12	1-10010	Sariffe, J. W. Watts, 5-8-11	E. Hide	7
15	042000	Millfield Lad (D), M. H. Easterby, 5-8-5	M. Birch	11
17	0-12200	Peek-A-Boo, C. Thornton, 3-8-0	J. Bleasdale	1
18	204340	Top O' Th' Lane, W. Haigh, 5-7-7	E. Johnson	2

5-2 Crown Witness, 100-30 Rabdan, 9-2 Sariff, 6-1 Azerlia, 8-1 Peek-A-Boo, 12-1 Skin Deep, 14-1 others.

3.0 BOGSIDE CUP HANDICAP (£4,808 : 1m 5f)

5	111010	Smokey Bear (C), J. Hanson, 5-8-4	E. Johnson	2
7	400200	Path of Peace (CD), C. Thornton, 4-7-10	J. Lowe	1
10	344023	Lochranza (CD), E. Carr, 5-7-7	L. Charnock	3

Evens Smokey Bear, 7-4 Path of Peace, 11-4 Lochranza.

3.30 CRAIGMORE STAKES (3-y-o : Selling : £1,337 : 6f)

1	000303	Stay Secret, W. Bentley, 9-1	J. Bleasdale	5
3	003000	Spring Bird (C), Denys Smith, 8-12	R. Campbell 7	12
4	320000	About Turn, J. W. Watts, 8-10	E. Hide	2
6	400311	Habalook, J. Bethell, 8-10	I. Johnson	11
7	400020	Harlyn, P. Rohan, 8-10	C. Dwyer	10
8	020000	Paper Lad (D), R. D. Peacock, 8-10	B. Taylor	4
10	001100	Roan Song (CD), M. H. Easterby, 8-10	M. Birch	14
11	10-0000	Simplicity, T. Fairhurst, 8-10	T. Ives	1
13	0000	Country Squire, E. Carter, 8-5	N. Connorton 5	8
14	3-40002	Dan-Ar, W. H. Williams, 8-5	R. Hutchinson	4
18	42-4000	Drill, G. P-Gordon, 8-0	A. Bond	7
19	000000	Garindale, S. Nesbitt, 8-0	L. Charnock	13
20	000000	Havasu, W. Haigh, 8-0	M. Wigham	15
21	004400	Paintbox, J. Etherington, 8-0	J. Lowe	6
22	0-20403	Tulchan Lodge, Denys Smith, 8-0	P. Robinson	9

4-6 Habalook, 4-1 Paper Lad, 5-1 Harlyn, 8-1 Roan Song, 10-1 Stay Secret, 12-1 Spring Bird, 14-1 others.

4.0 FIRTH OF CLYDE STAKES (2-y-o fillies : £6,489 : 6f)

1	00231	K-Sera, C. Brittain, 8-13	E. Johnson	8
3	01	Sweet Pleasure (D), C. Nelson, 8-13	T. Rogers	6
5	0112	*Vocalist, F. Durr, 8-13	—	7
6	211	Lady Lorelei (D), B. Hobbs, 8-8	E. Hide	5
7	44101	Maryland Cookie (D), J. Bethell, 8-8	I. Johnson	4
9	100002	Pitasso Beauty, A. Demetriou, 8-8	T. Ives	3
11	371227	Southern Swanee (D), D. Dale, 8-8	J. Lowe	1
12	2331	Star Pastures (D), J. Hindley, 8-8	B. Taylor	2

6-4 Lady Lorelei, 5-2 Sweet Pleasure, 9-2 Star Pastures, 7-1 Maryland Cookie, 14-1 others.

4.30 BRODICK STAKES (3-y-o : £1,763 : 1½m)

1	003001	Alfred Milner (D), R. Stubbs, 9-5	S. Webster	9
2	023210	Norroy, P. Walwyn, 9-5	I. Johnson	3
5	344013	Astrantia, G. P-Gordon, 9-2	A. Bond	5
6	000-001	Skelbrooke, E. Weymes, 9-2	C. Dwyer	8
8	000	Brook No Argument, W. H. Williams, 8-12	R. Hutchinson	2
9	0-04300	Feelings, J. Hanson, 8-12	E. Johnson	1
11	0	Ra Tapu, Thomson Jones, 8-12	M. Banner 7	6
12	423403	Rebel Yell, D. Ringer, 8-12	G. Baxter	4
13	00-400	Flotty, W. Elsey, 8-9	M. Wigham	7

5-2 Norroy, 7-2 Astrantia, 4-1 Skelbrooke, 11-2 Alfred Milner, 8-1 Rebel Yell, 12-1 others.

*Doubtful runner

Ayr selections

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1.30 Dragonist. 2.0 Rosia Bay. 2.30 Crown Witness. 3.0 Path of Peace. 3.30 Habalook. 4.0 LADY LORELEI is specially recommended. 4.30 Norroy.

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1.30 Crosby Triangle. 2.0 Lafontaine. 2.30 Crown Witness. 3.30 Drill. 4.0 Star Pastures. 4.30 Astrantia.

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2.0 FRANKTON HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £555: 2m)

10 Inkyboo, 4-11-5 .... Shilston
000- Dandy Buck, 5-11-3 .... Dickin
0- Leading Artist, 6-11-2 M. Floyd
Mona Kilia, 7-11-2 .... Low
Philotimo, 6-11-2 .... Smart
0p-3 Ring Tin Tin, 6-11-2 Miss Vincent
202- Burns, 4-10-10 .... W. Smith
Cashed In, A. Jarvis, 4-10-10 Francome
p-f0 Copper Cloud, 4-10-10 Haynes
3 Murray Close, 4-10-10 Scudamore
-054 Osoroyal, 4-10-10 .... Holland
0 Saintly Suspect, 4-10-10 Brisbourne

9-4 Burns, 3-1 Ring Tin Tin, 9-2 Murray Close, 5-1 Cashed In, 7-1 Inkyboo, 10-1 Osoroyal, 12-1 others.

2.30 GLOBE HURDLE (Selling handicap: £468: 2m)

0f-1 Thomson's Policy, 6-12-6 Blacker
-nf0 Eltham, 6-11-7 .... Bulgin
43 Yentala, 6-11-5 .... Francome
Jonswallow, 6-11-4 .... Hyett
000- Wotton Lass, 6-11-0 .... Leach
0-0 General Patterns, 6-10-13 Page
124 Farcroft, 8-10-13 .... —
pp-4 Doon Silver, 5-10-8 .... Kinane
030 Ayresome, 5-10-7 .... O'Shea
000 First Anniversary, 8-10-7 Campbell

10-11 Thomson's Policy, 4-1 Yentala, 13-2 Eltham, 8-1 Farcroft, 10-1 Doon Silver, 14-1 Jonswallow, 16-1 others.

3.0 MITCHELL AND BUTLERS HURDLE (Handicap: £1,484: 2m 5f)

50f- Score, 7-11-10 .... Smith-Eccles
321- Rushmere, 7-11-7 .... R. Atkins
2-21 Dropshot, 5-11-4 .... Reilly
01-0 Town Farm, 8-10-11 C. Smith
f-03 Echo Summit, 8-10-10 Candy
01-0 Bulging Pockets, 6-10-8 Scudamore
00-1 Flagstaff, 8-10-8 .... Francome
0-30 Alexis, 10-10-1 .... Newton
00-5 Wollop, 5-10-0 .... Leach
p-0p Maley, 7-10-0 .... Hyett
f00- Captain Cheeko, 6-10-0 Webber
00-0 Wandatta, 5-10-0 .... —
0f-2 Lopez, 10-10-0 .... —
b00 Royal Archer, 7-10-0 Mr Low
Tour De Force, 8-10-0 Rethoird
Some Sauce, 8-10-0 .... Warner
f0- Red Buck, 9-10-0 .... Butler

5-1 Dropshot, 4-1 Lopez, 5-1 Rushmere, 13-2 Score, 8-1 Town Farm, 10-1 Echo Summit, 12-1 Wollop, 14-1 others.

3.30 STONEBRIDGE CHASE (Handicap: £1,238: 3m)

The Vinegar Man 8-11-13 Coyle
f11 Prince Hill, 8-10-10 .... Hoare
015- Helohway, 9-10-7 .... C. Smith
0f-u Ballygarvey, 7-10-1 Scudamore
05-f My Sunshine, 10-10-0 Kinane

5-4 Prince Hill, 2-1 The Vinegar Man, 5-1 Helohway, 6-1 My Sunshine, 20-1 Ballygarvey.

4.0 FRANKTON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £566: 2m)

p-p Brother Rose, 6-11-2 Charles
0p0- Lyn's Fancy, 5-11-2 C. Smith
Flame Snar, 7-11-2 Liddicoat
00 Iree, 9-11-2 .... C. Brown
0 Love Me Two, 6-11-2 Murphy
0- Miss Checks, 6-11-2 Astbury
Prince Of Spain, 5-11-2 Keightley
f- Prosper You Can, 5-11-2 Darlington
030- Punta Brava, 6-11-2 .... Trow
up- Vanesco, 5-11-2 .... Candy
202- Bombalini, 4-10-10 .... Grimes
Catherine Blake, 4-10-10 Hyett
000- Cooley, 4-10-10 .... Holland
Galaxian, 4-10-10 S. G. Knight
3-24 Getting Warmer, 4-10-10 S. O'Neill
3- Hand of God, 4-10-10 .... Morris
0 Hoggler, 4-10-10 .... Webber
p40- Midsummer Girl, 4-10-10 Barton
0-5 Mister, 4-10-10 .... Gibbston
Tartan Chief, 4-10-10 Francome
Torbay Express, 4-10-10 Carroll
Tourmaline, 4-10-10 .... Mawdrell

11-4 Tartan Chief, 7-2 Mister, 4-1 Prince of Spain, 11-2 Bombalini, 8-1 Galaxian, 10-1 Getting Warmer, 12-1 Torbay Express, 16-1 others.

4.30 BEDWORTH HURDLE (£1,182: 2m)

0-02 Hever, 8-11-9 .... Atkins
ff1- Navalkar, 7-11-9 .... Francome
324- Remezzo, 6-11-9 .... C. Brown
-420 Swallow Hill, 6-11-9 .... Linley
01-0 Destiny Hill, 9-11-2 .... Holland
44-3 Fata Morgana, 5-11-2 .... Lamb
00-0 Full Value, 9-11-2 S. McNeill
00u- Caspius, 5-10-9 .... Scudamore
400- Mynfadiak, 8-10-9 .... Old
Newark, 5-10-9 .... Smith-Eccles

13-2 Remezzo, 5-2 Navalkar, 5-1 Swallow Hill, 8-1 Hever, 10-1 Fata Morgana, 12-1 Full Value, 16-1 others.

5.0 BRANDON CHASE (£974: 2m)

p01 Smart Buck, 5-12-1 Scudamore
6p5- David Michael, 8-11-7 .... Evans
ff0 Fontenay, 7-11-7 .... Barlow
4-04 Roller Skate, 7-11-7 .... Webb
323 Grey Dolphin, 5-11-5 .... Davie
340- Hashofet, 5-11-5 .... S. C. Knigh
000 Latch Man, 5-11-5 .... Barto

5-4 Smart Buck, 3-1 Grey Dolphi, 4-1 Hashofet, 9-1 David Michael, 10-1 Roller Skate, 14-1 others.

5.30 PETER MARSH STAKE (Flat race: £541: 2m)

1 Chiquita Beatie, 5-12-3 Millma
Apiary, 5-11-10 .... —
Corella, 6-11-10 .... de Haa
0 Kitchen Boy, 6-11-10 .... —
0 Knaves Girl, 6-11-10 Mr Hil
0- Menhaden, 6-11-10 .... Morr
Narration, 6-11-10 .... —
050- OxLeason, 5-11-10 Darlingto
0- Riverbed, 6-11-10 .... —
Velvetstown, 6-11-10 Crozie
Flying Idol, 4-11-5 .... —
Metela, 4-11-5 .... Mr Edward
00-p Partenina Lass, 4-11-5 Mrs William
0 Rich Virginia, 4-11-5 .... Wa
Wood Farm Boy, 4-11-5 Hawe

11-4 Chiquita Beatie, 100-30 Corella, 4-1 Apiary, 13-2 Narration, 8-1 OxLeason, 10-1 Metela, 12-1 Flying Idol, 16-1 others.

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2.0 Burns. 2.30 Thomson's Polic 3.0 Lopez. 3.30 Prince Hill. 4. Tartan Chief. 4.30 Remezzo. 5. Smart Buck. 5.30 Corella.

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2.15 HALGHTON HURDLE (Selling Handicap: £358: 2m 80yd)

Warrenwood Park, 6-10-13 J. O'Neill
003 Grangehill, 5-10-7 .... Clay
0-p0 Llacca Paddy, 5-10-7 A. Taylor
00-0 Forgetaboutim, 8-10-2 D. Goulding
05-p Dunbar Diver, 5-10-0 .... Tuck
000- Chads Hour, 6-10-0 Mr Cambidge
000- Regal Village, 4-10-0 .... —

2-1 Warrenwood Park, 3-1 Grangehill, 4-1 Forgetaboutim, 7-1 Llacca Paddy, 10-1 Dunbar Diver, 14-1 Chads Hour, Regal Village.

2.45 EMRAL CHASE (Handicap: £1,265: 3m 200yd)

f-41 The Baker, 10-12-4 N. Tinkler
121 Stay Quiet, 7-11-5 .... R. Barry
0-03 Nicholas Nickleby II, 12-10-7 Tuck
0-25 Red Clip, 6-10-7 .... Keightley 7

15-8 The Baker, 2-1 Stay Quiet, 7-2 Red Clip, 4-1 Nicholas Nickleby II.

3.15 WINGET AND SON AUCTIONEERS HURDLE (Handicap: £1,358: 2m 80yd)

31-1 Anointed, 4-11-4 .... R. Barry 5
3-41 Elsell, 3-10-9 .... O'Hagan 7
034- Irish Prince, 7-10-0 Lancaster 4
20- Wickwell, 7-10-0 .... J. O'Neill
7-50 Soace Song, 7-10-0 P. Barry
000- Cutting Comment, 5-10-0 Carthoys
00-0 Kam Tsin Princess, 5-10-0 Elliott 7
110- Very Friendly, 4-10-0 R. F. Davies
0-04 Little Kisar, 8-10-0 Colin Price 4

7-4 Anointed, 5-2 Elsell, 5-1 Wickwell, 6-1 Irish Prince, 8-1 Soace Song, 10-1 Very Friendly, 12-1 Kam Tsin Princess, 16-1 others.

3.45 HAIG WHISKY HURDL QUALIFIER (Novices: £932 2m 80yd)

313 Royal Mood, 6-11-5 Mr Eckley
00u- Bagley Blarney, 5-11-0 P. Barr
00f- Henry Spider, 5-11-0 Mr Rees
p00- Rumbu, 8-11-0 .... J. O'Neil
0-03 Manelec, 6-11-0 .... J. D. Goulding
-043 O'Dowd, 6-11-0 Mr Cambidge
Bring Me Wine, 4-10-10 Turne
600- Bwasley Lad, 4-10-10 .... Barr
Lavender Lad, 4-10-10 Morris

Evens Royal Mood, 4-1 O'Dowd, 6-1 Bring Me Wine, 6-1 Manelec, 10-1 Henry Spider, 16-1 others.

4.15 CROXTON CHAS (Novices: £675: 2m 170yd)

f3p Brave Elbow, 7-11-11 .... Tuc
3-1 Twidale, 7-11-11 .... —
051 Gaelic Harp, 5-11-9 .... Turne
p00- Bishop's Jewel, 7-11-4 A. Tayl
f44- Foggy Buoy, 6-11-4 C. Tinkl
f40 Lauso Pick, 7-11-4 .... J. O'Nei
f20 Lauso Pick, 8-11-4 .... J. O'Nei
00- On The Guinea, 6-11-4 Brisbourn
0-04 Reminx, 10-11-4 .... Hanson
p- Sunny Edar, 11-11-4 .... —
*Villane, 7-11-4 .... —
0-0u Vilio Lad, 9-11-4 Colin Price
004- James Ward, 8-10-4 R. F. Davie

9-4 Twidale, 11-4 Gaelic Harp, 5-1 Llacca Prince, 6-1 Foggy Buoy, 7-1 Brave Elbow, 10-1 Lauso Pick, 16-1 others.

4-45 REDBROOK CHAS (Handicap: £1,232: 2½m 70yd)

304 Fine Fellow, 11-10-6 Balmer
0-12 Greenways, 5-10-1 .... Turne
022 Tay Bridge, 9-10-0 .... Tu
015- Heronslea, 11-10-0 .... O'Hagan

Evens Greenways, 3-2 Tay Bridge, 5-1 Fine Fellow, 13-2 Heronslea.

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2.15, Grangehill; 2.45, The Baker; 3.15, Anointed; 3.45, Royal Mood; 4.15, Gaelic Harp; 4.45, Greenways.

Ayr results

2.0 (2.4) KINTYRE STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £2,192.00 to be shared: 7f)

JUST ABROAD, b f, by Abwah—Sovereign Bride (V. Belunos), 9-2 I. Johnson (7-2) 1
Some Bella, ch f, by Some Hand—Bella Lisa (C. Sparrowhawk), 8-10 .... J. Lowe (8-1) 1
Rosinante .... P. Cook (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 Soulioisa (4th), 11-2 Secret Gill, 6-1 Charlie's Sunshine, 12-1 Marks Melody, 16-1 Swing Back, 25-1 How Splendid, Speedaway. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, Just Abroad 23p, Some Bella 55p; places, Just Abroad 12p, Some Bella 25p, Rosinante 68p. Dual F: £1.22. CSF: Just Abroad and Some Bella, £1.47; Some Bella and Just Abroad, £1.67. Just Abroad trained by P. Walwyn at Lambourne; Some Bella trained by P. Kelleway at Newmarket. Dead heat, 7l. 1min 32.96sec.

2.30 (2.31) AYRSHIRE POST CENTENARY STAKES (2-y-o: £2,897: 6f)

ODIN'S RAVEN br c, by Jukebox—Bare Costs (R. Padmore), 9-3 J. Bleasdale (9-4 jt fav) 1
Church Mountain .... T. Ives (25-1) 2
Scottish Law .... E. Hide (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 First Movement (4th), 7-2 Good Offices, 15-2 Cloney Boy, 8-1 New Journalism, 20-1 Morila, 33-1 Bay Song, Folklaw, Soltura. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 11p, £1.03, 17p; Dual F: £21.10. CSF: £6.48. J. Hindley, at Newmarket. 1l, 1½l. 1min 10.72sec.

3.5 (3.7) LADBROKES AYR GOLD CUP HANDICAP (£13,377: 6f)

SPARKLING BOY, br c, by Comedy Star—Tinsel (M. Orloff), 5-9-2 J. Lowe (15-1) 1
Murillo .... E. Hide (10-1) 2
Eagle Boy .... M. Wigham (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 13-2 fav Flower, 10-1 Queen's Pride, 14-1 Desmore, Hurworth House, 15-1 Primula Boy (4th), 16-1 Cree Song, Pink Blues, Touch Boy, 18-1 Friendly Fun, 25-1 Escovitch, Moybrook, Muster Lane, Oulmate, Paducah, 26-1 Wyndal Park, 33-1 The Sandford, Gamblers Dream, Tarrie, Ferriby Hall, Mississippi Shuffle, Hurricane Hill. 24 ran.

TOTE: win, £1.45; places, 38p, 22p, 45p, 64p; Dual F: £8.02. CSF: £14.76. P. Kelleway at Newmarket. 2l, sh hd. 1min 13.69sec.

3.35 (3.36) LADBROKES LEISURE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £4,084: 6f)

PARADISE BIRD, ch f, by Sallust—Fair Darling (G. Peter-Hoblyn) 8-4 J. Lowe (10-1) 1
Ponchielli .... P. Tulk (10-1 fav) 2
The Quiet Bidder W. R. Swinburn (9-4) 3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Spithead, 11-1 Saillana (4th), 14-1 Regency Prince. 6 ran.

TOTE: win, £1.11; places, 27p, 14p; Dual F: 83p. CSF: £1.91. P. Calver at Ripon. 1½l, 1l. 1min 18.42sec.

4.5 (4.6) WEIR TROPHY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,834: 1½m)

SNOW BLESSED, br c, by So Blessed—Snow Tribe (N. Hetherton), 8-1 .... W. Newnes (7-2) 1
Josdale .... M. Wigham (11-1) 2
Running Rocket .... L. Charnock (3-1 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Geronias (4th), 6-1 Predominant, 7-1 Carlton Hall, 20-1 Fine Point. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 11p, 21p; dual forecast, £3.07. CSF, £5.90. W. Elsey, at Malton. 4l, 10l. 2min 39.33sec.

4.35 (4.38) SAM HALL STAKES (3-y-o: £3,903: 1m 7f)

GOOD THYNE, b c, by Herbager—Foreseer (J. Allbritton), 8-10 W. Swinburn (11-10 fav) 1
Running Game .... P. Cook (7-2) 2
Tedham Moss .... M. Wigham (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 12-1 Glenvara, Mallecourt, Mansione, 14-1 Preacher Man (4th), 33-1 Grand Promenade. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 14p, 11p, 11p; dual forecast, 25p. CSF, 54p. D. Weld, in Ireland. 2l, 3l. 3min 39.46sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: Odin's Raven, Sparkling Boy, £63.70. TREBLE: Sparkling Boy, Paradise Bird, Snow Blessed, £156.65. PLACEPOT: £15.20.

Newbury

2.15 (2.16) MARLBOROUGH STAKES (2-y-o: £2,345: 6f)

BLUE PERSIAN, ch f, by Majority Blue—Gulf Bird (B. Beasley), 8-8 .... B. Raymond (5-1) 1
Manu .... L. Piggott (9-4) 2
Runeafa .... W. Carson (11-10 fav) 3

TOTE: Win, 85p; dual forecast, 49p. CSF, 89p. B. Hanbury, at Newmarket. 1l, 3l. 1min 1.28sec. 3 ran.

2.45 (2.48) KRIS PLATE (2-y-o: £2,560: 1m)

SHERGAR, b c, by Great Nephew—Sharmeen (H. H. Aga Khan), 8-11 .... L. Piggott (11-8 fav) 1
Chief Speaker .... R. Cochrane (12-1) 2
Jungle Jim .... G. Starkey (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Turn Back The Time (4th), 5-1 Sea Nell, 12-1 Cabbage Man, 16-1 Disco King, 20-1 Baz Bombati, 25-1 St Mawes, 33-1 Clove Oats, Cardinals Walk, Gunwood, Hattab, Hold Fire, Le Normand, Never In Trouble, New Continent, Prosonic Company, Thaundrage, The Amfr, Town Master, Where's My Present. 23 ran.

TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 25p, 30p, 17p; dual forecast, £3.69. CSF, [illegible]. M. Stoute, at Newmarket. 2½l, hd. 1min 39.71sec.

Non runners: Boloc, Bold Rider and Hab Dancer.

3.15 (3.17) OAKLEY VAUGHAN HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,560: 60yds)

KALAGLOW, gr c, by Kalamoun—Aglow (J. Vanacr), 9-7 .... G. Starkey (11-8 fav) 1
Principal Dancer M. Malham (11-2) 2
Ramouleur .... B. Rouse (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Mrs Palmer (4th), Sunson, 14-1 General Brerfax, Ripolin. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 35p, 21p; dual forecast, 74p. CSF, 96p. G. Harwood, at Pulborough. 1½l, 1l. 1min 29.12sec.

3.45 HUE-WILLIAMS PLATE (2-y-o fillies: £2,560: 7f)

GIANNUTRI, b f, by Welsh Hollow—Giazeld (Mrs D. McCalmont), 8-8 .... J. Mercer (8-1) 1
Train of Thought .... L. Piggott (5-1 fav) 2
Shalwar .... A. C. Rawlinson (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Sunningdale Queen, 5-1 Quaint, 8-1 Navette, 9-1 Princes Dina, 12-1 La Goulue, 14-1 Darlin Doll (4th), Elegant Dancer, 33-1 Notifoldi. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.11; places, 27p, 15p, 28p; dual forecast, £1.41. CSF £5.39. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. Nk, 2l. 1min 27.69sec.

4.15 (4.17) PLAYBOY AMATEUR STAKES (£1,380: 2m)

MOUNTAIN MAN, b g, by Welsh Hollow—Beck (R. Greenwood), 4-12-0 Mr R. Hutchinson (5-1) 1
My Saint Anne .... Marina Cavellio (20-1) 2
Crown Pageant .... Mr J. Hills (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Mike Channon, 11-2 Observe, 12-1 Bar Jester (4th), 16-1 Bulgini, 20-1 Greg, 25-1 Speed Of Light, 33-1 Shanvean, 50-1 Cwm Rhondda, Sovereign Elm. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 16p, 53p; dual forecast, £5.00. CSF £55.67. W. Hastings-Bass, at Newmarket. 4l, 1½l. 3min 41.03sec.

4.45 (4.49) WHATCOMB HANDICAP (£2,847.00: 7f 60 yds)

CONAN DOYLE, b c, by Daring-Do—Gold (Mrs P. Cole), 3-7-13 .... M. Malham (16-1) 1
Tower Joy .... L. Piggott (3-1 fav) 2
Honey Barron .... W. Carson (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Varuna, 7-1 Willow Red, 10-1 Soul Singer, 12-1 Lidcote, 14-1 Rapid Glass, Lucky Man (4th), Grand Conde, 16-1 Intercraft Boy, 20-1 Gunist, 25-1 Breakfast Exercise, Mindblowing, Flint, Great Ranger. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.68; places, 10p, 12p, 21p, 36p; dual forecast, £3.80. CSF: [illegible]. P. Cole, at Lambourn. 1½l, ½l. 1min 22.86sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: Shergar and Kalaglow, £9.70. TREBLE: Kalaglow, Giannutri and Mountain Man, £147.70. JACKPOT: Not won; pool carried forward to Newbury today: £2,774.80. PLACEPOT: £4.15.

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Prime rates move up again on continuing signs of US economic recovery

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Sept 19

Many of America's largest banks raised their prime lending rates yet again today to 12¼ per cent from 12½ per cent. This key rate has now risen by almost two per centage points in the last six weeks.

The substantial upward movement of the prime rate reflects, above all, a recovery in economic conditions from the second quarter, which saw real gross national product decline by 9.6 per cent at an annual rate, a record decline in economic activity for the United States. Preliminary Commerce Department estimates today suggested that real gnp is flat in the present quarter.

President Carter hesitated in his press conference yesterday from saying that the recession is over, but an increasing number of economists are now reaching this conclusion.

Citibank was the first to announce a prime rate rise this morning, but similar announcements came thick and fast from banks across the country that only last Friday had switched to 12¼ per cent. Evan Morgan Guaranty, which delayed a move to 12½ until earlier this week, went to 12½ per cent.

The markets could be influenced next week by a possible bitter and confusing congressional tax battle. Should Congress approve a big tax cut, then inflationary expectations are bound to rise, so helping to promote still higher interest rates.

Senator Russell Long, chairman of the senate finance committee, is striving to secure passage next week of a $40,000m (£16,000m) tax cutting Bill. Republicans are pushing for the legislation as well. President Carter opposes such a move, stressing that he only wants tax cuts in 1981.

The Democrats in Congress are confused: Some feel a tax cut will help their reelection chances, but others contend voters may react against this as they see that a big tax cut will mean a much bigger budget deficit and so possibly fuel inflation.

President Carter had lunch today with his top economic advisers. They almost certainly discussed ways to try to defeat Senator Long's tax cutting plans, as well as the state of the economy. It could well be that the President will soon claim the recession is over.

Those attending the lunch were Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve, Mr William Miller, Secretary of the Treasury, Mr Charles Schultze, Chief Economic Adviser, Mr James McIntyre, Director of the Budget Office, and Mr Alfred Kahn, the chief White House spokesman on inflation.

The White House announced today that it was delaying until after the election the announcement of new wage and price guidelines. The present guidelines were due to be updated by September 28.

Money supply rises: The basic money supply figure M1-A rose to a seasonally-adjusted average of $383,100m in the week ended September 10 from $382,000m the previous week. The broader money-supply known as M1-B increased to an average of $406,100m in the week from $404,300m a week ago, the Federal Reserve said.—AP-Dow Jones.

Hope of an October cut in MLR pushes down Treasury bill rates

By John Whitmore
Financial Correspondent

Increasing confidence that a reduction in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate is not too far away led to a further sharp fall in Treasury bill rates at yesterday's weekly tender.

The average rate of discount at which three month bills were allotted yesterday fell from 14.40 to 14.13 per cent. Under the old regime, when MLR was automatically linked to Treasury bill rates, this would have left MLR at 14¾ per cent.

Speculation in the City about when MLR is likely to be reduced is now tending to focus on mid-October. By then the Government will have seen the September money supply figures and have a fairly good idea about how things are shaping in October.

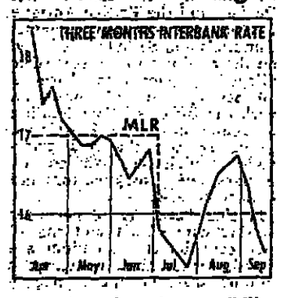
It would also mean that the party conference season was over, removing the possibility that a cut in MLR would be seen as having been forced on the Government because of political pressures.

At the moment the Cabinet is making it clear that it has no intention of bowing to political pressures. Several ministers have made it clear over the past week that MLR will not be reduced until the underlying monetary situation warrants it.

In the City, however, the main question seems to be one of "how much?" rather than "when". Some observers favour an initial two point reduction to 14 per cent. A considerable amount, however, may yet depend on the trend in dollar interest rates.

These have been rising steadily over recent weeks and prime lending rates were raised again yesterday. At the moment the margin between three month sterling and dollar interest rates stands at about 3½ per cent.

Some operators in the foreign exchange markets believe sterling requires a cushion of at least 2 per cent if there is not to be a major switch out of the currency back into the dollar.



CBI backing for move to cut council grants

By Peter Hill
Industrial Editor

The Confederation of British Industry has welcomed Government plans to penalize local authorities for overspending. The CBI said yesterday that industry and commerce pay around £4,200m a year in rate income to local authorities—representing more than half of total rate income. If local authorities attempted to recoup any shortfall through increasing rates on businesses, more companies would face closure and workers redundancy.

Mr Michael Davis, head of a working party established by the CBI on local government finance and expenditure, yesterday welcomed the Government's decision to withdraw £200m in grants promised to more than 450 local authorities in England and Wales as part of efforts to reduce local council spending.

Introducing a new reference guide for businessmen on local authority finance and expenditure, Mr Davis called for a tougher approach to reduce the level of spending by local authorities. He stressed that public spending had an effect on interest and exchange rates and that coupled with the level of wage settlements in the public sector had a direct effect on industry and commerce.

Local Authority Finance and Expenditure — a Businessman's Guide CBI Publications £7.50.

BP rise could signal chemicals recovery

By John Huxley

BP Chemicals is to raise the price of one of its base products by more than 12 per cent in a move which may signal the start of a general recovery in the industry. The company believe the recession may be "bottoming out".

From October 1, the minimum price for styrene monomer, which is used in the manufacture of polystyrene and synthetic rubbers, will be $830 (£398) a tonne. Present prices are between $725 and $740.

BP Chemicals is a leading European producer of styrene, supplying about one third of the United Kingdom market from its 220,000-tonnes-a-year plant at Baglan Bay, near Port Talbot.

BP's move, announced yesterday, will be interpreted in the chemicals industry as an attempt to test the state of the market.

The recession has been made worse by the attack on markets by American chemical producers, who have been accused of dumping by CEFIC, the Brussels-based federation of European chemical producers.

Yesterday, Mr Robert Horton, who takes over from Mr Len Burchell, as BP Chemicals' managing director at the end of next month, said he was optimistic that the new prices would stick.

BP's own internal economic and industrial indicators suggest that the recession in British industry may now be "bottoming out", although it may take longer to work its way through in the rest of western Europe.

AEG management switch

By Our European Business Correspondent

AEG-Telefunken, the troubled West German electrical group, will have a new decentralized top management structure from the beginning of next year. In the words of Herr Heinz Dürr, the company's chief executive, the management will be "in closer touch with the company's business unbureaucratic, less hierarchical and cooperative in style".

The restructuring involves some changes in the company's six productive divisions and the appointment of division heads to the main managing board.

One important change is the establishment "of a new production division called "plant technology". The purpose, is to group together the heavy end of the present "news and transport technology" and "energy and industry technology" divisions. Associated with this change will be the creation of a "customer-orientated sales organization" for the group's entire industrial plant and component business.

Herr Dürr said that ideas came "not from the top but from a permanent exchange of views from bottom to top". This approach is very different from previous management policies.

Textile group chairman makes abrupt departure from £60,000-a-year post

Viyella chief goes after two months

By Richard Allen

Mr Derrick Hornby has resigned as chairman and chief executive of Carrington Viyella, the troubled textile group, after only two months in the job.

In a stark announcement last night the group, in which ICI has a near-controlling stake, said Mr Hornby had resigned his £60,000-a-year post "after detailed discussion and by mutual agreement".

He will be replaced by Mr William Fieldhouse, chairman of Letraset, who was appointed a non-executive director 18 months ago. Mr Fieldhouse last night refused to comment on the reasons for Mr Hornby's departure. He said only that a compensation payment had been agreed "appropriate to the disruption caused to his career".

Mr Hornby, who left for a holiday in France earlier this week, was asked by Carrington to masterminds a 10-year plan, drawn up by the Boston Consulting Group, which was designed to lift the group out of the worst textile recession for decades.

The severity of Carrington's problems was highlighted last month when the group revealed a £6.3m plunge into losses of £1.2m in the first half of the year and passed its dividend.

Mr Hornby took up the post only weeks after leaving his job as chairman of Spillers Foods division in the wake of Spillers' bitterly contested takeover by Dalgety.

Mr Derrick Hornby: described himself as a "battler".

Mr Hornby, known for introducing Cook-in Sauces to the market, is understood to have received a substantial compensation payment from Dalgety on his departure.

At Carrington he replaced Mr Leonard Regan, who had held the post for five years, in a move which the group described at the time as "totally amicable".

The textile trade has been rife with rumours about Mr Hornby's turbulent reign at Carrington.

In an interview on his appointment he described himself as a "battler" and claimed credit for putting Spillers Foods back on its feet during his seven years with the group.

There were strong rumours, however, that Mr Hornby's pugnacious management style had caused dissent within the group. There was also talk in the trade about a "palace revolution" against a chairman who many executives felt had been imposed on the group by the 49 per cent stakeholder, ICI. At the time, however, ICI claimed that it had merely seconded the appointment.

Mr Hornby's departure precedes a boardroom reshuffle which brings a second ICI director onto the board. He is Mr Robin Biggam, ICI's deputy treasurer.

Mr Ernest Cummins, formerly deputy chief executive moves up to become deputy chairman and managing director.

As one of the most hard-pressed textile groups, Carrington Viyella has been closely involved in discussions with the Bank of England, which has been keeping a close eye on the effects of high interest rates, strong sterling and cheap imports on the textiles sector.

Despite the group's plight there were high hopes in the industry that Carrington could be brought back to profit quickly by a management plan believed to involve heavy redundancies and concentration on leading brand names such as Viyella, Peter England, and Van Heusen in shirts, and the Dormer range of household textiles.

After tumbling to a low of 10½p, Carrington shares had edged up to 13p following the last management reshuffle.

European Ferries to buy merchant bank

By Roman Eisenstein
Banking Correspondent

European Ferries, the shipping and property group, is to buy Singer & Friedlander, the City merchant bank. The deal was announced yesterday at the same time as European Ferries unveiled sharply lower half-year results.

European Ferries is paying £23.25m for a 92.5 per cent stake while executives of the bank will acquire the remaining 7.5 per cent for a nominal consideration, but in exchange for personal warranties about the balance sheet. Singer & Friedlander's net assets, before taking account of hidden reserves which banks do not have to declare, are worth £26.26m.

Yesterday's statement does not reveal Singer & Friedlander's full accounts. But there are bound to be complicated arrangements, including deferred tax and contingent liabilities including a law suit for £3.5m by Penros, a quoted holding company, which is claiming damages over a deal where the bank acted as an adviser.

The seller is C. T. Bowring, which earlier this year was bought by Marsh & McLennan, the American insurance broking company. Singer & Friedlander is a member of the Accepting Houses Committee which frowns on foreign ownership of its member banks. To preserve the bank's membership, Marsh & McLennan had undertaken to sell.

Singer & Friedlander will be integrated into European Ferries property and finance division, which last year contributed 30 per cent of its total profits, most from property. Yesterday Mr Keith Wickenden, Conservative MP for Dorking and chairman of European Ferries, said that the acquisition "fits in with our ambition to develop a well-structured financial division".

European Ferries was first approached through Mr John Cooper, a managing director of Singer & Friedlander, who is also a chairman of a Conservative Party branch in Mr Wickenden's constituency.

Last year Singer & Friedlander made profits of £4m before tax and transfers to hidden reserves. Profits this year are expected to be higher. Even by merchant banking standards it is a relatively small company, with a balance sheet total of £316m.

Yesterday's interim figures from European Ferries cast gloom on the shares which fell by 14p to 160p. The pretax profits figures show a fall from £6.7m to £3.7m. The company's statement says that this year has been exceptionally difficult for shipping.

Yesterday Mr Wickenden pointed out that European Ferries' business is highly seasonal. He expects that for the full year profits will be above last year's £27m.

MPs criticize role of development agency

By Bill Johnstone

The Welsh Development Agency is criticized in a report by the Commons Committee of Public Accounts today for inadequate appraisal of investment projects. It also found that the WDA was probably duplicating the work of other agencies trying to attract industrial investment to Wales.

In a significant number of cases appraisal reports had not discussed "important aspects" in sufficient depth, the report says.

These included market assessments and the effect of competition, the credibility of profit forecasts, the adequacy of management and financial accounting systems, the condition and value of plant and machinery, the quality of management and the production capability.

The report adds: "We note that out of 181 companies in which the WDA has invested, no fewer than 48 involved public funds of £10,000 or less. We fear duplication with other agencies and urge the management of the WDA to give serious attention to this point."

Financial targets set for the WDA are also highlighted. The committee says: "We consider it important that wherever possible realistic financial targets should be set to stimulate the management of resources, to improve efficiency and to provide yardsticks against which performance can be checked.

"We accept that the financial target set for the Welsh Development Agency's industrial investment function of a return on capital of 15 to 30 per cent by 1981 is no longer appropriate now that the agency is not to invest where private sector funds are available, and is required to dispose of its holdings as soon as practicable."

In a further report today, on the Scottish Development Agency, the committee expresses its "disappointment at the marked downturn in the performance of the agency's investments between 1977-78 and 1978-79, although we accept that the heavy development expenditures of certain companies and the present economic difficulties have played a major part in this".

It adds: "We trust that the agency's measures to improve the performance of its companies will prove successful".

The two reports come in the wake of the findings of the Commons Select Committee on Welsh Affairs and that of the Select Committee on Scottish Affairs.

Mr Leo Abse, chairman of the committee on Wales, was less than flattering in his comments on some of the agencies expected to attract investment. They were "too incestuous" and suffered from "excessive intimacy", he said.

The committee on Scotland suggested that some of the "foreign" offices of the SDA could be closed.

EEC members urged to support steel aid plan

From Peter Norman
Brussels, Sept 19

Mr Henk Vredeling, the EEC commissioner responsible for employment and social policy, today urged member governments to approve the Commission's plans for special temporary allowances to help workers in the iron and steel industry.

In a speech released here, for delivery to an international conference on steel at University College, Swansea, Mr Vredeling said that member states should not refuse funds for a plan designed to help those who were losing their jobs under the European Community's restructuring of the steel industry.

Governments were wrong to believe that existing aid was sufficient. The Commission had presented plans to spend 100 million units of account (about £59m) over three years to help finance early retirement from the steel industry and aid adjustments to new conditions—but that had been 14 months ago.

Mr Vredeling said the British Government had applied for £85m under the terms of the European Coal and Steel Community Treaty to help 35,000 workers in its steel industry. But 85 per cent of the cash sought by Britain was to cover severance payments for workers with the British Steel Corporation.

Mr Vredeling said he had his doubts about the social acceptability of such "departure premiums".

"The worker is bought off and afterwards he is left on his own . . . I prefer a system which combines a smaller severance payment with incentives for vocational retraining and which encourages reintegration in other work."

Brewers tackled on policies favouring the take-home trade

Tenants feel the draught as beer prices rise

Protests from tenants of tied public houses about beer pricing have been reinforced with a strong attack on the big brewers by Mr Arnold Elliott, president of the National Union of Licensed Victuallers.

The NULV, which looks after tenants' interests, is worried about the number of publicans who may be driven out of business as cost pressures mount while beer sales falter because of poor weather and the effects of recession.

"We strongly condemn the recent increase in beer prices and the discriminatory manner in which they are being applied by the major brewery companies to the further advantage of the take-home sector", Mr Elliott said.

The target of this criticism, which tenant groups are backing up in representations to their own brewers, is the pricing policy followed by the national brewers in this month's round of increases on beer. Between 3p and 4p a pint at bar prices have been added to draught and bottled beers but not to the canned beer largely sold to the supermarkets and other take-home outlets.

The NULV accepts that the pegging of canned prices partly reflects contracts already made between brewers and the big supermarkets covering the period up to Christmas. Price increases on canned beer can in consequence lag behind other rises.

But, with tenants hit so badly that many are asking brewers for a moratorium on rent increases or other help such as extended credit, the tied trade of nearly 36,000 tenants is increasingly accusing the brewers of gearing profits too high in their pubs.

Tenants argue that the brewers are effectively subsidizing efforts to increase their shares of the take-home trade and the club trade, both growth areas.

Margins on these sales are much lower, or even negative, as competition has grown. Some brewers sell some lines—often lagers—as loss leaders to supermarkets in order to get their full range of goods, including wines and spirits, into a big multiple's outlets.

Mr Elliott said: "If brewers want to protect their profit margins they should stand up to the supermarket barons and reverse their policy of giving excessive discounts, low prices and loss-leader terms.

"To continue their present policy at a time when so many licensees are suffering serious losses of trade can only accelerate pub closures and increase the number of bankruptcies."

The brewers should stop exploiting their control of tenants with such scant regard for the difficulties being caused to licensees, he added.

Derek Harris

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...oors	£1¼ to £10½	Premier Cons	7p to 90p
...a Int	2p to 37p	Steel Bros	10p to 166p
...ch Grp	7p to 111p	Steep Rock	12p to 196p
...ranza	8p to 132p	Western Deep	£1¼ to £30

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...ord & Sm	10p to 346p	Euro Ferries	10p to 169p
...	30p to 470p	Hestair	3p to 289
...Engineer	4½p to 51½p	Laporte Ind	8p to 97p
...ora Hldgs	4p to 47p	Lucas Ind	11p to 194p
...rex Hldgs	2p to 21p	T Taylor Wood	10p to 483p

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...tria Sch	31.50	29.80	Portugal Esc	124.00	116.00
...gium Fr	71.50	68.00	South Africa Rd	2.20	2.08
...nada $	2.83	2.75	Spain Pta	173.00	170.50
...mark Kr	13.67	13.12	Sweden Kr	10.27	9.82
...land Mkk	9.05	8.65	Switzerland Fr	4.07	3.87
...nce Fr	10.25	9.80	USA $	2.44	2.37
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Education

Book balancing for advanced students

Term begins in a fortnight. You have had plenty of time to congratulate yourself on getting good enough results to go on to further education. Now you must take a cold hard look at what living away from home is going to mean financially.

It will be tough. The full local authority grant for this academic year of £1,430 (£1,695 in London) might sound a fortune compared with your previous pocket money—but it has to go a long way.

However, the Big Four banks —Barclays, Lloyds, Midland and National Westminster—are all keen to catch students and along with other banks such as Williams & Glyn's, the Royal Bank of Scotland, the Bank of Scotland and the expanding Trustee Savings Banks, offer free banking to students. So running an account will cost you nothing as long as you stay in credit.

All bar Lloyds issue students with a banker's card when they pay their local authority grant cheques into an account (thus limiting the facility to United Kingdom students). This is an invaluable piece of plastic when you are out shopping or want to draw money out of any other bank. It guarantees any cheque you write to the tune of £50.

The cheque card issued by Barclays also doubles up as a credit card with a limit of £100. Do not be tempted to overspend. If you do not pay your dues every month you will be charged 2.25 per cent a month on the outstanding balance, which can make an irreparable dent in your already tight budget.

Barclays gives a guaranteed overdraft of £100 to students, but most other banks limit it to £50. You have to pay interest on the money you borrow, but are still exempt from the charges for writing cheques or using standing orders.

Rather than sticking the whole of your grant cheque into a current account, put part of it into a deposit account, where it will earn interest, transferring money over to the current account when this runs low. But remember that if you are lucky enough to get a holiday job in this financial year and your income exceeds the £1,375 personal allowance limit (excluding your grant, plus parental contributions to it) you will be liable to tax on this interest.

There are other bank gimmicks to woo students. In conjunction with British Rail both Lloyds and the Bank of Scotland offer Student Railcards at half price for £5 to first-year students, while Midland gives free membership to the National Student Discount Schemes which otherwise costs £2.50.

These schemes are certainly worth joining. The British Rail Student Card (application forms available from BR stations) allows students half price travel

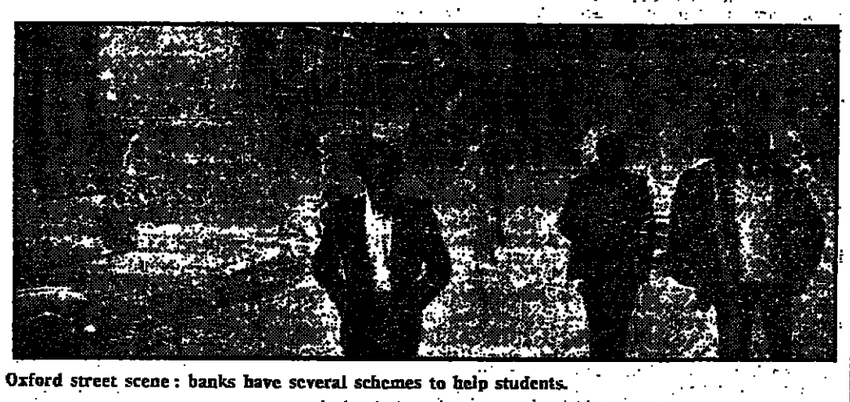
Remember, too, that your grant includes £46 towards travel to and from your home town (one return trip a term) plus your daily travel and you can claim anything you spend above this from the local authority. But you will be expected to make use of cheap travel schemes. A season ticket to cover your daily travel will save you money, ask your bank manager for a loan for that.

The National Student Discount Scheme (details available from your students' union) offers discounts in some 1,800 retail outlets. Usually it is the smaller shops rather than the large national high street names which belong to the scheme, but with discounts running at about 10 per cent you can save money.

The students' union can help solve accommodation problems with halls of residence and approved lodgings. But, if you decide to go it alone, ask your union for advice and avoid the usual pitfalls. If you find you are paying over the odds, the local Rent Officer will investigate your case and this may result in a lower rent. You are unlikely to qualify for a rent allowance from the local authority as your grant includes a £10 weekly accommodation cost.

Finally, in your budgeting remember that your grant includes a £19.20 weekly amount to keep you going during the Christmas and Easter vacations. With today's high unemployment, do not count on getting a holiday job.

Sylvia Morris



Oxford street scene: banks have several schemes to help students.

Alternative investments

Why buying and selling costs need changing

The Association of Licensed Dealers in Securities is seeking changes in the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act, 1958, which would define and control the activities of those who manage and those who sell investments, whether as agent or principal. It also proposes the extension of the definition of investment to include objets d'art and other forms of property generally referred to as alternative investments.

The definition will present parliamentary draftsmen with a problem. Anything that can be resold has investment potential ranging from very good to very bad. People have tended to suppose that the word "investment" is short for "good investment". Yet if a set of porcelain dogs sitting on mauve tasselled cushions is advertised in the Sunday colour supplements and if reference is made in the advertisement to investment, first of all there has been no suggestion that the dogs will be a *good* investment, although that is what some readers may infer; secondly, even if the advertisement had described them as a good investment, that constitutes a judgment of their future value which plainly cannot be refuted today.

Some of the most improbable purchases have turned out to be highly successful investments. A five-year-old Mercedes Benz 300 SL bought in 1960 might be worth 1,000 per cent more today. Champagne bought last year for £3.50 a bottle is showing a substantial profit and Scotch salmon bought this summer at £2 a pound and frozen will be showing a useful gain by Christmas.

Most auctioneers will not be affected by the proposed legislation since they do not generally refer to the material they sell as having investment potential.

But, however the auction houses choose to describe their activities, with a high proportion of their turnover sold to dealers they are important suppliers of alternative investments.

Price history

Everything they sell has two main functions; one is to give aesthetic pleasure, and the other to act as a store of value, to both of which the buyer, if he has a grain of sense, will give the fullest attention.

Many people are a little prissy about the investment side, perhaps because they fear that it might somehow contaminate their artistic relationship to the object in question. Others are rather more astute and will check the price history and on the demand before buying.

As agents for the sellers of investment material, the auctioneers' charges to both buyer and seller must be seen to be reasonable in relation to the services offered and not levied in exploitation of an overwhelming strength in the market.

As matters stand, the costs of buying and selling through a typical auction house are as follows. On a hammer price of £1,000 the buyer pays the auctioneer £1,115 (£1,000 plus £100 for the 10 per cent buyer's premium, plus £15 for the 15 per cent value added tax). If, theoretically, the buyer were to resell there and then, again with a hammer price of £1,000, he would receive from the auctioneer £880 (£1,000 less 10 per cent selling commission and 15 per cent VAT, and less 0.5 per cent insurance).

His "in and out" expenses therefore are £220, or just over 21 per cent of his initial outlay of £1,115.

Looked at another way, the revenue to the auctioneer from a successful sale is £205 (not counting the £30 VAT) or a "mark-up" from £895 to £1,100, amounting to 22.9 per cent.

Although the case brought by the Society of London Art Dealers and the British Antique Dealers Association against Christie's and Sotheby's is based on their failure to register their alleged agreement to charge a 10 per cent buyer's premium with the Office of Fair Trading as required by the Restrictive Practices Act, the real grievances which are shared by dealers, museums, investors and collectors are:

(1) that both the 10 per cent selling commission and the 10 per cent buyer's premium are fixed, rather than being on a sliding scale or openly negotiable as is normal with stockbrokers, estate agents, valuers and the rest.

(2) that where an individual commissions a consultant or dealer to advise and buy for him at auction, he will generally have to pay 10 per cent commission for such a service besides the 10 per cent buyer's premium charged by the auctioneer. Whenever the buyer at auction is himself acting as an agent, the buyer's premium, it is argued, should be shared between the auctioneer and the agent.

(3) that the buyer's premium introduced in 1975 has not resulted in the provision of any extra service.

Conditions

Although most auctioneers will rescind a sale if the purchaser can prove that the lot he bought was a deliberate forgery, dealers point out that the usual conditions of sale make clear that auctioneers decline all responsibility for the accuracy of their descriptions of authorship, origin, date, age, attribution, genuineness and provenance.

But deliberate forgeries are very rarely the problem. The trouble is usually with doubtful attributions or defects, reconstructions, repairs, restorations and so on, which are not always picked up in the catalogue descriptions.

It is felt that payment of a moderate premium would be acceptable in return for guarantee that the catalogue description was a true descrip tion of the lot and, if reasonabl doubt about the accuracy coul be shown, then the sale shoul be rescinded. The effect of suc an arrangement, of cours would be that descriptior would become a lot mor cautious and, some might sa more accurate.

Buying and selling a block c shares worth £2.3m on th Stock Exchange would cost r commission under £10,80 Selling a house worth £2.3 through an estate agent migh cost £57,500 based on 2½ pe cent commission, although much lower rate would nor mally be negotiated.

Selling commission a buyer's premium on the Ruben bought by the National Galler for £2.3m at Christie's in Jul could have totalled £460,00 although it is likely that i this case the seller was abl to negotiate a lower com mission than 10 per cent. Whil the different services offere are not exactly comparabl the enormous disparity betwee the figures does provoke som thought.

Neither museums nor dealers nor investors, are happy abou this state of affairs and it mus be in the interest of the Londo art market that a compromis is reached whereby all partie feel fairly treated.

Robin Duthy

Editor of *Alternative Investment*.

Taxation: small businesses 2

Opportunities offered by new rules on small workshops

Further evidence that small businesses really have come out of the cold is provided by the clauses of the Finance Act which are designed to help businesses in general and smaller businesses in particular. One of the most interesting for investors is the new provision on "small workshops".

Normally, spending on industrial buildings qualifies for a first year allowance of no more than 50 per cent of the expenditure. The remainder of the tax allowance is then absorbed at the rate of 4 per cent a year.

However, capital expenditure incurred between March 26, 1980, and March 27, 1983, on small workshops can qualify for a 100 per cent initial allowance. In other words, the entire costs can be set against the tax liability in one year.

The expenditure must have been incurred on the construction, improvement or even alteration or extension of industrial buildings with an internal working space of 2,500 square feet or less.

Many such workshops could be formed from part of larger buildings. But, in order to qualify, they would have to be separated permanently from the remainder of the building by a brick wall or similar construction.

When several workshops are grouped together, various facilities can be provided for the common use of all the occupiers and these would include canteens, washrooms and so on. Such areas may be in addition to the workroom space and will also qualify for the 100 per cent initial allowances.

No doubt many people who wish to shelter income from a particularly high tax liability will look at the possibility of investment in small workshops. In many respects it could be a very exciting investment with full tax allowed on a quite small investment in property.

However, there is a risk that the demand for such premises, at least in the medium future, could be rather uncertain in many parts of the country and that the tenants may not be of the highest quality.

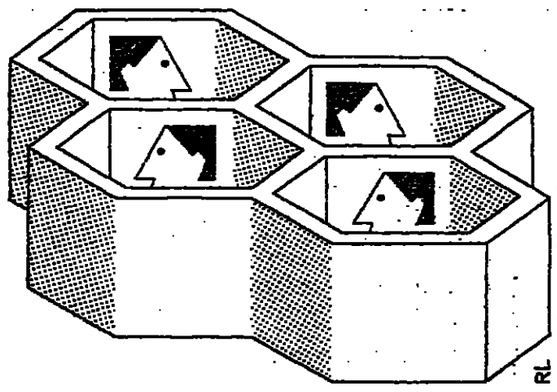
While opening these business doors for tax-efficient investment, the Chancellor at the same time closed another door on individuals who have been involved in leasing. Such people were able in 1979-80 and earlier to buy an item of plant or machinery and claim 100 per cent capital allowances against their general income and then lease the plant or machinery to some industrial user or even a local authority.

They were able to claim the capital allowance for the full cost of equipment purchased because they were (it was to be hoped) in the trade of leasing. The leasing income would be fully taxable but as a general tax postponement device it was very helpful for many people.

However, since March 26, 1980, any individual's capital allowances on leased plant and machinery can only be set against non-leasing income if the lessor devotes substantially the whole of his time to his leasing trade. Moreover, there are restrictions which have come into force which mean that it is no longer possible to claim capital allowances on leased equipment if it is used by such organizations as local authorities.

The advantage of leasing was that it constituted a trade which was in most cases fairly stable and secure, but which provided the tax benefits that individuals required. Now there are new tax advantages in starting and running a business and the search is on to find a trade or business which has similar stability and scarcity.

Danby Bloch and Raymond Godfrey



Pensions

Are you dreaming of an early retirement?

Quitting the rat race and retiring early is a recurrent dream with most of us. For some people, however, early retirement is inevitable. Who ever heard of a geriatric racing driver, wrestler or deep sea diver?

Even the notoriously stony-hearted Inland Revenue accepts that people in certain careers need youth or, at any rate, no later than early middle-age on their side, if they are to succeed in making a living.

Early retirement without penalties has been negotiated for a wide range of jobs and the list is growing. At the beginning of the week it emerged that EMI, the record company, had made a deal with the Revenue securing pension rights payable at the age of 40 for fading popstars.

The sea is acknowledged to be a hard taskmaster and most people working on, or in, it —distant water trawler skippers, inshore fishermen and various kinds of divers—are allowed to retire at the age of 55 (50 for deep water divers).

The intense physical activity required of jockeys, racing drivers, boxers, dancers, footballers and wrestlers also gives them a let-out at the age of 50—if they wish to retire then.

Others who do not have to work so long as the rest of us are pilots, croupiers—don't ask me why—money brokers, ITV newscasters, female health visitors, professional singers and psychiatrists (provided they work with the mentally disordered).

All these jobs are, in the eyes of the Inland Revenue, sufficiently demanding for the self-employed who pursue them to qualify for early retirement. These Revenue relaxations apply to self-employed retirement annuity contracts, otherwise known as personal pension plans, where the retirement age is normally at least 60.

Ironically, these people, who cherish their self-employed status—with an undeniably more attractive starting point for them as taxpayers—would in this one instance be a lot better off if they were employees. There is a statutory prohibition preventing the lowering of the retirement age below 50 for personal pension plans, but in the case of occupational schemes the level of retirement age is left to the discretion of the Inland Revenue.

So EMI's popstars, as members of a group scheme, can retire at 40, not 55 as would be the case if they remained self-employed professional singers; and a far-sighted football team manager has got all his players into a pension scheme, too, allowing them a pension at 40, not 50, which would apply if they were individually self-employed.

Margaret Stone

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Investors' week

Interest rates and dividends raise questions

This week we nearly decided to stop assuming what we thought we knew—a bad habit sometimes called nail-biting.

Interest rates are falling—or are they? Streamlined companies are weathering recession —ho, hum. We start the next boom early next year—maybe. Directors are by and large holding the line on dividends—well, some of them.

The intellectual pressure of this rethinking proved too much. Assuming what we hoped we knew swept the *FT* index from 413 at the end of May to 508.9 a week ago. Now it is 494.4.

First, interest rates: yields at the long end are now 12 to 13 per cent, implying either a big cut in minimum lending rate or a quick succession of small cuts. They also imply annual inflation down to about 10 per cent a year. These seem to be big implications.

It may well be that the Government will listen to industry's cries for help this autumn.

But the Government may not think it expedient to ridicule its own monetarism by slashing the price of money. A cut in companies' National Insurance Surcharge and a one point drop in minimum lending rate would fit the bill.

There is also a technical point: the new tranche of Exchequer 12 per cent 1998 stock (£50 a £100 of stock on subscription and the rest on October 24) will take £1,000m out of the market.

Secondly, company streamlining: Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds did so badly in its first half year that it brought the whole stock market back, but it has cut costs by shedding 10,000 jobs, taking the payroll down to 59,000 by the end of this year.

Interim profits fell 58 per cent to £22.4m and GKN made no money in Britain at all—and the year's profits will bear at least £9m of redundancy costs. About £20m will go in "termination" costs to be charged as an extraordinary item.

Delta Metal, the metals, electrical and building group, witnessed only a £600,000 fall to £13.45m in pre-tax profits in the first half year and the group has cut its workforce by 10 per cent, or 2,000. It has about 20,000 employees left and there may be further redundancies.

Richards and Wallington, the plant hire people, saw interim profits plunge from £1.18m to £493,000, but there have been several hundred redundancies and depot closures to boot. Cost cutting is painful and this year's profits will bear the scars. Next year's profits should benefit.

Thirdly, the boom next year: this week the Central Statistical Office showed that industrial output has already fallen below the 1975 trough. The Bank of England fears that exports, the only buoyant sector of the economy, will soon wither before European and Japanese recession and, if the Government succeeds in keeping public pay below inflation, consumer spending will fall.

Finally, dividends: we had cuts from Guest, Keen (in this case a cut of one third); a postponement of a decision from Richards and Wallington; a passing of the interim from printers Bemrose Group; and once again no interim from Kitchen Queen. Others such as Simon Engineering and Delta were content to maintain interim payments. Dividend cutting has not become a fashion—as yet.

There are, of course, a number of things we have not yet had. There is the government collision with the public service unions over the attempt to hold down their pay below the rate of inflation; nor have we had the big bankruptcy or two that the squeeze on industry will almost inevitably produce.

Peter Wainwright

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Rises

Year's high	Year's low	Company	Change	Comment
625p	385p	Cons Gold	30p to 625p	Good yearly figs
68p	48½p	Delta Metal	3p to 56½p	Relief at interim
273p	102p	Johnson Matt	34p to 264p	Bid talk; gold content
273p	207p	Willis Faber	35p to 261p	Good interim
347p	184p	Rustenberg	38p to 344p	Platinum

Falls

Year's high	Year's low	Company	Change	Comment
235p	185p	Distillers	15p to 216p	Pft warning
279p	197p	GKN	33p to 191p	Div cut; pft slump
491p	327p	RTZ	11p to 476p	£123m rights; outlook
208p	158p	Steetley	5p to 184p	Init pft fall
312p	232p	Tube Inv	16p to 230p	In line with GKN

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housing

The Times/Halifax house price index

onthly index of average prices of second-hand houses easonally adjusted)

	Index	Average price (£)	% change over the preceding 1 year	6 months	3 months
77 December	100.0	14,757			
June	109.3	16,133	16.9	9.3	3.6
September	118.2	17,450	23.0	12.0	8.2
December	121.1	17,866	21.2	10.7	2.4
79 January	122.9	18,132	20.8	8.8	4.7
February	127.8	18,783	24.6	10.5	6.2
March	130.5	19,259	23.6	10.4	7.8
April	131.7	19,441	27.3	12.2	7.2
May	136.2	20,094	30.4	13.6	7.0
June	138.4	20,341	26.1	19.5	5.6
July	142.6	21,038	26.2	16.0	8.2
August	145.2	21,427	26.0	14.1	6.6
September	145.5	21,480	23.1	11.5	5.8
October	149.5	22,065	27.4	13.5	4.9
November	151.4	22,339	26.3	11.2	4.3
December	151.0	22,291	24.8	9.6	3.8
80 January	154.2	22,754	25.5	8.2	3.1
February	156.2	23,052	22.7	7.6	3.2
March	158.2	23,352	21.3	8.7	4.8
April	158.6	23,406	20.4	6.1	2.9
May	161.7	23,866	18.8	6.8	3.5
June	164.0	24,205	19.0	8.6	3.7
July	163.7	24,165	14.9	8.2	3.2
August	164.0	24,204	13.0	5.0	1.4

erage regional prices of second-hand houses

	August £	July £	% change over 3 months ended May
th	18,857	18,665	7.3
ks and Humberside	17,758	17,741	5.0
th-west	20,328	20,002	5.9
t Midlands	19,443	19,058	5.7
t Midlands	22,606	22,151	5.9
t Anglia	23,565	23,422	7.0
es	19,147	19,111	0.8
th-west	26,503	26,592	3.4
th-east	32,881	32,702	4.8
ater London	33,347	33,531	2.8
thern Ireland	22,515	23,065	5.7
tland	22,565	22,314	7.4

uyers' market for hose with cash

rise in house prices could lown to 10 per cent by the of the year compared with annual rate of increase of e than 30 per cent just a year ago.

e *Times*/Halifax index of age house prices, which is *ing upwards again after the* t drop in July, is only 13 cent up on the year and if trend is maintained the al rate of increase should steadily.

e index itself conceals regional variations which becoming more marked as recession grips parts of the ntry such as Wales, the th and the Midlands. In es, for example, house es have hardly moved at m the last six months and annual rate of increase is ady down to 10.9 per cent.

part from the difficulty in ting buyers for houses in nomically depressed areas, ld be sellers, who perhaps t to go where they can work, are heavily handi- ed by the price gap be- en houses in Wales rage £19,147) and the th (average £18,857) and e in areas which are thering the storm better.

takes a lot of redundancy ay and a well-paid job in pect to contemplate switch- to Greater London and the th-east, where average e prices are about £33,000.

other widening gap is that een new and second-hand e prices. The rate of in- se in average new prices is erating, but not at the pace as that of other es. New house prices have by 2.3 per cent in the quarter, compared with seasonally adjusted rise of er cent in the same period m by second-hand houses, and the year-on-year increase is 22.3 per cent.

Housebuilders have introduced a variety of devices to stimulate demand—including buying a slow-moving second-hand house which is blocking a chain and giving away cars *free (a depreciating asset—so* ask for a cash reduction instead if it happens to you).

Sales gimmicks or not, the fact remains that sales are picking and a further worry *for builders is the inexorable* increase in housebuilding costs which increased by 9 per cent in July.

The housing market is now very slow. There are plenty of properties on offer but sales have been depressed, with vendors reluctant to reduce their asking prices. There is a steady flow of mortgage applicants—and the funds are there, too—but Halifax branch managers report that more and more people are asking for their applications not to be processed until they have sold their present homes.

Much now depends upon the trend in interest rates. Many buyers are deterred by the high cost of mortgages and the news earlier in the month that building societies might have to postpone reducing the mortgage rate from 15 per cent, because of the Government's planned extension of index-linked savings schemes later in the year, is a blow.

But cash buyers and, indeed, first-time buyers who are not too enmeshed in a housing chain should be making the most of their opportunities. It is an ideal time for them to buy and this is reflected in the proportion of loans going to first-time buyers. This has begun to grow again.

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A new life office

This week marks the birth of Premium Life Assurance Company, the first new life office to emerge this year, backed by two French insurers and Société Générale, the eighth largest bank in the world. Mr Peter Connor, the managing director, and Mr Giles Wareham, the marketing director, were previously both with City of Westminster Assurance.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1979-80 Hgh	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
9	50	Airsprung Group	50	−1	6.7	13.4	3.0
0	21	Armitage & Rhodes	22	—	1.4	6.4	9.1
3	92½	Bardon Hill	173	+1	9.7	5.6	6.5
0	74	County Cars Pref	74	—	15.3	20.7	*—
1	63	Deborah Ord	97	—	5.5	5.7	4.8
6	88	Frank Horsell	122	−1	7.9	6.5	3.8
9	66	Frederick Parker	66	—	11.0	16.7	3.0
6	83	George Blair	83	−1	3.1	3.7	—
4	45	Jackson Group	81	−1	6.0	7.4	3.1
3	103	James Burrough	121	—	7.9	6.5	†9.9
5	242	Robert Jenkins	305	—	31.3	10.2	—
2	175	Torday Limited	220	—	15.1	6.9	3.7
4	10	Twinlock Ord	11½	—	—	—	—
0	70	Twinlock 15% ULS	83	−1	15.0	18.1	*—
6	23	Unilock Holdings	45	—	3.0	6.6	6.9
1	42	Walter Alexander	100	—	5.7	5.7	5.5
5	136	W. S. Yeates	243	−2	12.1	5.0	4.0

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

Further fall for equities

Still worried by GKN's poor results, equities receded across the board in selective trading. By the close the market was off the bottom and the *FT* Index—down 5.4 points at lunchtime—ended 3.3 lower on the day at 494.4.

Gilts were quiet and the new tap Exchequer 12 per cent 1998 "A" attracted little interest. By the close it was being quoted at a £¼ discount to the £50 partly paid price. Longs eased £¼ during the day and shorts closed with losses of £⅛.

GKN fell another 8p to 181p and other engineers slipped in sympathy. Lucas lost 11p to 194p and Associated Engineering 4½p to 51½p. In the wake of the chairman's profit warning, B. Elliott fell 9p to 225p. Vickers dropped 6p to 126p.

Distillers eased 16 to 216p and most leading equities closed lower with BAT down 2p at 291p, GEC down 4p to 531p, Hawker down 4p to 228p and Pisons down 6p to 214p.

Euro Ferries fell 10p to 169p after lower profits and news of the proposed acquisition of Singer & Friedlander. Profit news left Laporte down 8p at 97p but STC closed off the worst at 438p, down 5p, also after results.

Optimists waiting for House of Fraser to unveil property assets worth £4 a share at the end of next month are likely to be disappointed; the figure is nearer £2.50. A number of stores, including D. H. Evans, could be on the sale and lease-back list. The shares eased a penny to 139p last night.

Banks and insurance shares were a few pence easier but Commercial Union bucked the trend with a 2p rise to 182p.

Press mention pushed Nicholls (Vimto) to 28p to 240p. Profit-taking clipped 8p from Johnson Matthey to 264p.

Equity turnover for September 18 was £150.16m (number of bargains 17,162). Yesterday's most active stocks, according to Exchange Telegraph, were GKN, ICL, Johnson Matthey, Silver Mines, Euro Ferries, Plessey, Unilever, BP, Burmah, Premier Oil, BET, GEC, ICI, Imperial, Western Mining and Land Securities.

Traded options were quiet with only 766 contracts of which 318 were in Cons Gold and the rest well spread. Traditional options were moderately busy with call activity still concentrated on natural resource stocks.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Assam Front Tea (F)	9.3(11.6‡)	1.6(0.21‡)	29.5(13.5*‡)	10(5‡)	29/11	10(5‡)
Breedon Lime (I)	1.89(1.81)	0.56(0.53)	—(—)	2.62(2.5†)	31/10	—(7.5†)
Croda Int (I)	136.6(127.5)	3.78(7.63)	2.47(4.6)	1.5(1.5)	5/12	—(3.1)
Camrex (I)	10.24(11.45)	1.01*(0.23)	—(—)	—(1.64)	—	—(4.02)
Desoutter (I)	12.6(10.7)	1.47(1.93)	—(—)	2.7(2.7)	30/10	—(7.2)
Euro Ferries (I)	79(72)	3.75(6.7)	—(—)	1.72(1.5)	—	—(4.5)
Goodman Bros (F)	13.9(13.7)	0.42(0.68)	1.95(3.59)	0.96(0.96)	27/11	0.96(0.96)
Laporte (I)	101.8(92.3)	5.46(8.52)	1.26(9.64)	3.5(3.5)	18/11	—(16.75)
Liberty (I)	10.4(11.2)	0.43*(0.2)	6.67*(1.23)	0.4(0.8)	17/11	—(3.4)
Molins (I)	59.4(54.3)	4.7(5.3)	10.8(11.4)	2.2(2.2)	14/11	—(7.9)
Francis Shaw (I)	7.19(5.97)	0.089*(0.02)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(1.31)
STC (I)	159.4(106)	22.8(16)	13.7(12.3)	4(—)	6/11	—(—)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. *=Loss; †=Adjusted for scrip issue; ‡=For 18 months.

STC up by £7m at interim

By Our Financial Staff

Standard Telephone and Cables, the 85 per cent owned subsidiary of the United States ITT *company, saw pre-tax* profits jump from £16m to £22.8m in the six months to June 22. Turnover rose from £187.2m to £256.4m.

The turnover increase represents both a recovery from the poor weather and the industrial relations conditions of 1979 and a strengthening of demand at home and abroad. The group maintained margins in spite of cost increases.

However, finance charges *rose from £4.4m to £6.4m and* the company has been trying to offset this with tighter control of cash and working capital.

This will lead to a higher tax charge this year—at the half-way stage the figure is increased from £3.5m to £9.1m, leaving attributable profits only marginally ahead from £12.5m to £13.7m and earnings per share up from 12.5p to 13.7p.

The prospects for the telecommunications and electronics *business is supported by a* good order book while components are more vulnerable to recession, though they are continuing to show "satisfactory performances".

The interim dividend is 5.7p gross per share. The shares fell 7p to 436p.

Briefly

Bain Dawes (50 per cent owned *subsidiary of Inchcape*): Pretax profits, £5.17m (£5.06m) in year to March 31. Turnover, £27.4m (£19.97m). Chairman says group aiming for further modest increase in current year.

Camrex (*Holdings*): *Turnover for* first half of 1980, £10.24m (£11.45m). Pretax loss, £1.01m, against profit of £239,000 last year. No interim payment (against 2.34p gross).

Breedon and Cloud Hill Lime Works: Turnover for half-year to July 31, 1980, £1.89m (£1.81m). Pretax profits, £564,000 (£533,000). Interim dividend raised from the equivalent of 3.57p to 3.74p gross.

Francis Shaw: Sales for first half of 1980, £7.19m (£5.97m). Pretax loss, £89,000 (profit of £29,000 last time). There are good prospects that, provided recession gets no worse, company will be in profits in 1981.

Change Wares: Turnover for 1979, £17.18m (£16.69m). Pretax loss, £1.12m (profit, £615,000). Amended profit at Jan 1, 1979, £731,000 (£298,000), leaving loss of £881,000 (profit, £731,000). Turnover for half-year to June 30, 1980, £9.69m (£9.86m). Pretax profit, £17,000 (£326,000). Preference dividend will not be paid and preference dividend due on Sept 30, *1980, will not be paid.*

Liberty & Co: Interim dividend halved to 0.57p gross. Sales for half-year to Aug 2, 1980, down from £11.23m to £10.48m. Pretax loss, £438,000 (against profit of £204,000). *Board confident group* will resume profitability at a "very early stage".

Lyon and Lyon has agreed to sell its offshoot, John Harker to John H. Whitaker (Holdings) of Hull for £500,000 cash, *giving a surplus* over book value of £340,000. Excluded is a loan of £1.05m due to Harker from Lyon, repayment of which will be waived by purchaser.

Hogg Robinson Group's chairman, Mr Morris Abbott, told the annual meeting that the depressed economic climate means the next 12 months are not going to be easy. The company will be looking for growth once more from the domestic markets of its United Kingdom and overseas broking operations.

Desoutter Brothers (Holdings): Sales for half-year to June 30, 1980, £12.63m (£10.75m). Pretax profits, £1.47m (£1.93m). Interim payment held at 3.85p gross. Board warns that it will be more difficult to maintain a similar rate of pretax profit through the full year to that achieved in the first *half.*

Assam Frontier Tea Holdings: Turnover for year to June 30, 1980, £9.37m (£11.66m for previous 18 months). Pretax profits, £1.62m (£216,000 for 18 months). Dividend, 14.28p gross (7.14p *gross for* 18 months).

Goodman Brothers & Stockman: Turnover for year to April 30, 1980, £13.97m (including exports of £3.09m), against 13.76m (exports, £2.87m). Pretax profits fell to £432,000 (£681,000). Dividend held at 1.37 gross. Board reports that the signs are that the first half of this year will show a "modest turnround" compared with the second half of last year.

Newey Group: In the interim report, board states that overseas side continues to trade profitably, but the United Kingdom operation was unable to maintain the progress achieved during the latter months of 1979 due to a significant reduction in demand in the home market, together with a progressive erosion of margin on export trading brought about by *the growing strength of sterling.*

London Equitable West Kent: The offer for West Kent Estates by London Equitable Estates has closed and (in view of the agreed terms from Anglo Metropolitan *Holdings, it has been decided not* to proceed further with the offer. Acceptances have been returned.

First half profits slip to £4.7m at Molins

By Our Financial Staff

Molins, the cigarette machinery and paper group, turned in half-year pretax profits of *£4.7m against £5.3m last year.* Turnover in the six months to June 30 was up from £54.8m to £59.4m.

Tobacco machinery contributed £42.6m of the sales and £5.9m of trading profits against £37.5m and £5.4m last time. Paper and packaging accounted for £15.8m of sales, £1m down on last time, and made a loss of £200,000 against a profit of £600,000.

This left total trading profits down from £6m to £5.7m and interest charges up from £700,000 up to £1m accounted for the rest of the shortfall in the pretax figure.

The UK contribution in tobacco machinery was down but this was offset by an improved overseas contribution, particularly in the United States.

Paper and packaging had to contend with stiff competition in world markets and the company is not expecting any upturn in demand in the next six to 12 months.

Redundancy costs from the continuing reorganization of the Deptford operation took £700,000.

After tax in the United Kingdom of *£1.1m and overseas of* £400,000, an extraordinary item of £400,000 and minorities and preference dividend of £100,000 the attributable profit comes out at £3.5m against £3.3m.

Earnings per share before tax are 15.8p against 17.9p and after tax 10.8p against 11.4p.

On the overall outlook Mr Harold Moore, the chairman, says it will be difficult to achieve pretax profits at last year's level of £11.05m but he adds that "the board is nevertheless still aiming to produce results which are reasonably close to those of last year".

The interim dividend is maintained at 3.14p gross. The shares rose a penny to 105p.

Laporte holds interim despite profits slump

Recession in the chemicals industry has found Laporte Industries digging deep into reserves to maintain the interim dividend despite a relatively solid trading result.

In the six months to June 29 trading profits slipped by less than £1m to £9.4m. But redundancy and rationalization costs of £2.3m and higher interest charges have trimmed this to £5.46m at the pretax level—a decline of more than £3m.

And a swingeing £4.7m tax charge partly reflecting unrelieved start-up costs on the American Interox venture has led to the interim dividend being *short-earned to the tune* of almost £2m.

Mr R. M. Ringwald, the chairman, said yesterday that the group had decided to maintain the payment at 5p gross because of the reasonable trading results.

But he said that after a sharp deterioration in the United Kingdom market in the second quarter of the year the group's poor sales performance had continued into the third quarter.

Adding that the last three months would determine the final profit outcome, he said: "High interest rates, high inflation and sharply increasing costs are a very unpalatable medicine to swallow for an international group."

At the trading level the Interox companies, owned jointly with the Belgian group Solvay, actually raised profits fractionally to £5.3m despite United States start-up costs believed to be more than £1m.

But the traditional Laporte interests saw a downturn of almost £1m to £3.2m.

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MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

COPPER closed firmer yesterday.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars £861.50-62.00 a metric ton; three months, £888.50-89.50. Sales, 5,600. Cash cathodes, £852-53.00; three months, £851.50-53.00. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars £849-50.00; three months, £875.50-76.50. Settlement, £850.00. Sales, 9,775 tons. Cash cathodes, £819-20.00; three months, £849-50.00. Settlement, £820.00. Sales, 50 tons.

TIN closed steadier.—Afternoon.—Standard, cash, £7,260-70 a tonne; three months, £7,330-40. Sales, 330 tonnes. High grade cash, £7,260-70; three months, £7,330-40. Sales, nil tonnes. Morning.—Standard, cash, £7,250-55; three months, £7,300-05. Settlement £7,255. Sales, 375 tonnes. High grade cash, £7,250-55; three months, £7,300-05. Settlement, £7,255. Sales, nil tonnes. Singapore tin ex-works, SM2,153 a picul.

LEAD was steadier.—Afternoon.—Cash, £386-87.00 per tonne; three months, £402-2.50. Sales, 1,075 tonnes. Morning.—Cash £380-80.50; three months, £396-97. Settlement, £380.50. Sales 6,550 tonnes.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £345-47.00 per tonne; three months, £356.50-57.00. Sales, 3,975 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £344-45.00; three months, £355-56.00. Settlement, £345.00. Sales, 4,625 tonnes.

PLATINUM was at £301.50 ($695.00) a troy ounce.

SILVER closed firmer.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 878.60p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 2,093.00c); three months, 915.10p (2,180.80c); six months, 943.60p (2,258.00c); one year, 1,005.00p (2,374.00c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 890-92.0p; three months, 925-26.0p. Sales, 72 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash 859-61.0p; three months, 893-95.0p. Settlement, 861.0p. Sales, 83 lots.

ALUMINIUM closed steadier yesterday.—Afternoon.—Cash, £684-86.00 per tonne; three months, £700.00-01.00. Sales, 2,650 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £672-74.00, three months, £689-90.00. Settlement, £674.00. Sales, 5,325 tonnes.

NICKEL was quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £2,765-75 per tonne; three months, £2,810-15. Sales, 42 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £2,750-60; three months, £2,800-04. Settlement, £2,760. Sales, 12 tonnes.

RUBBER was erratic (pence per kilo).—Oct, 61.80-61.90; Nov, 62.70-62.80; Oct-Dec, 63.50-63.50; Jan/March, 66.80-67.00; April/June, 70.20-70.30; July-Sept, 73.10-73.50; Oct-Dec, 76.00-76.10; Jan-March, 78.70-78.80; April-June, 81.20-81.40. Sales: 17 at five tonnes and 766 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were uncertain.—Spot, 60.00-61.50; Cifs, Oct, 63.25-63.75; Nov, 64.25-64.75.

COFFEE.—ROBUSTAS (£ per tonne): Sept, 1,015-1,020; Nov, 1,078-1,080; Jan, 1,098-1,099; March, 1,097-1,100; May, 1,114-1,120; July, 1,130-1,131; Sept, 1,136-1,140. Sales: 3,184 lots, including three options.

ARABICA (officials at 16.45): Oct, 140.00-143.00; Dec, 146.50-150.00; Feb, 140.00-163.00; April, 140.00-165.00; June, 140.00-165.00; Aug, 140.00-165.00; Oct, 140.00-165.00. Sales: three lots.

COCOA was steady (£ per metric ton).—Sept, 996-97; Dec, 1,020-31; March, 1,056-57; May, 1,075-77; July, 1,092-93; Sept, 1,107-14; Dec, 1,130-39. Sales: 1,662 lots, including five options.

SUGAR.—The London daily price of "raws" was £12.00 higher at £372; the "whites" price was £15.00 higher at £380. Futures (£ per tonne): New contract (barely steady): Oct, 368.25-370.00; Jan, 391.50-392.00; March, 406.30-406.50; May, 404.25-404.00; Aug, 385.00-385.50; Oct, 363.50-365.75; Jan, 350.25-350.50. Sales: 12,581 lots. Old contract (quiet): Oct, 371.00-375.00. ISA prices (Sept 18): daily, 37.16c; 15-day average, 35.53c.

***SOYABEAN MEAL** was slightly steadier* (£ per tonne):— Oct, 126.60-127.00; Dec, 133.50-133.40; Feb, 136.00-136.20; April, 137.00-137.80; June, 136.50-138.50; Aug, 137.00-140.00; Oct, 137.00-142.00. Sales: 295 lots.

WOOL.—NZ Crossbreds, No 2 contract cents per kilo (quiet): Oct, 365-364; Dec, 370-372; Jan, 370-371; March, 373-375; May, 374-376; Aug, 376-380; Oct, 377-380; Dec, 381-388; Jan, 381-385; March, 384-387. Sales: 51 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—Canadian western red spring, unquoted. US dark northern spring, No 2, 14 per cent: Sept, unquoted; Oct, £99.50; *Nov, £101; Dec, £104 trans-shipment* east coast. US hard winter, 13½ per cent: Oct, £97.75; Nov, £98.75; Dec, £101 trans-shipment east coast. EEC unquoted.

MAIZE.—US—French: Sept, £122.50; *Oct, £121.50 trans-shipment east* coast. S African white, unquoted. S African yellow: Sept-Oct, £90.00.

BARLEY.—English feed, fob: Oct, £95; Nov, £97.50; Dec, £99 east coast. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was firm.—Sept, £90.90; Nov, £95.55; Jan, £97.80; March, £101.30; May, £103.00. Sales, 497 lots. WHEAT was firm.—Sept, £96.45; Nov, £99.15; Jan, £103.30; March, £107.20; May, £110.70; July, £113.40. Sales, 139 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices:

	Other MILLING WHEAT	FEED WHEAT	FEED BARLEY
Eastern	£97.90	£95.40	£86.20
E. Midlands	—	£94.50	£85.80
N. East	£97.40	£94.50	£87.80
Scotland	£100.00	£98.10	£84.70

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on Sept. 19: GB: Cattle, 68.35p per kg lw (−1.96). UK: Sheep, 115.17p per kg est d c w (−2.26). GB: Pigs, 69.54p per kg lw (+2.14). **England and Wales:** Cattle Nos down 1.0 per cent, ave. price, 68.25p (−2.10). Sheep Nos down 11.0 per cent, ave. price, 112.42p (−3.46). Pig Nos. down 7.8 per cent, ave. price, 69.54p (+2.14). **Scotland:** Cattle Nos down 9.6 per cent, ave. price, 68.84p (−1.30). *Sheep Nos up 6.6 per cent*, ave price 117.64p (+5.42).

POTATOES (Gafta).—Nov, £42.40; Feb, £50.20; April, £57.50. Sales: 115 lots (of 40 tonnes).

Profit-taking in sugar

Heavy profit-taking in sugar futures yesterday triggered stop-loss selling in the afternoon, which took March Number Four "Raws" down to £403.70 from the 5½-year "high" of £418 set in the morning. Dealers said F. O. Licht's report of ideal beet-growing weather in the Soviet Union during the first 10 days of September had triggered the decline, but most felt the market was simply ready for a good bout of pre-weekend profit-taking anyway after this week's strong gains.

Number Four "Raws" closed £6.85 lower to £2.85 higher on Turnover of 12,384 lots, while the old Number Two October position closed £2.50 lower

Harold Perry falls

Harold Perry Motors' board's "*best endeavours*" did not prevent 1980's difficult conditions from spoiling the pattern of yearly profit growth achieved since the company went public in 1972. Pretax profits for the first half of this year are a third lower at £2.12m.

Discount market

The discount market again got by without any help from the authorities yesterday. This was the third day in succession that the Bank of England had not found it necessary to intervene. Rates opened at about 15¾ per cent soon came off to about 15¼ per cent and even got down to 14½ per cent at one time in the afternoon. The close was a little firmer, between 15 and 15¼ per cent.

Foreign exchange report

Interest rate considerations continued to be the major influence on currency movements yesterday.

The dollar showed all-round firmness as three major U.S. banks lifted their prime rates to 12¼ per cent and as a cut in the Dutch Bank Rate followed lower interest rates in West Germany and Denmark.

Sterling closed 5 points up, at $2.3855 against the dollar, having stayed in a fairly narrow band of $2.3820 to $2.3880 throughout the session. The pound's overall value against a "basket" of currencies held at the overnight level of 75.6.

Expectations that the docks strike will be called off, together with high U.K. interest rates, continued to underpin sterling.

Sterling Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) September 19	Market rates (close) September 19	1 month	3 months
New York	$2.3820-3880	$2.3850-3860	1.00-0.90c prem	1.97-1.87c prem
Montreal	$2.7775-7840	$2.7815-7825	1.37-1.27c prem	3.05-2.95c prem
Amsterdam	*4.64½-67½fl*	*4.66-67fl*	*2⅜-1⅜c prem*	*6⅛-5⅛c prem*
Brussels	68.55-85f	68.65-75f	27-17c prem	53-43c prem
Copenhagen	13.25½-31½k	13.29½-30½k	160-310ore disc	720-870ore disc
Dublin	1.1355-1395p	1.1383-1393p	24-15p prem	35-26p prem
Frankfurt	4.27½-30½m	4.28¾-29¾m	3¼-2¼pf prem	7½-6½pf prem
Lisbon	118.60-119.30e	119.00-20e	6c disc-30c prem	5-100c disc
Madrid	175.00-65p	175.35-55p	90-145c disc	275-355c disc
Milan	2032-37lr	2035-36lr	5-7lr disc	37-40lr disc
Oslo	11.56-62k	11.56½-57½k	365-215ore prem	815-670ore prem
Paris	9.93-98f	9.93¾-96¾f	4¼-3¼c prem	8¾-7¾c prem
Stockholm	9.90-95k	9.93½-94½k	15-83ore disc	315-385ore disc
Tokyo	500-10y	502½-03½y	135-115y prem	455-405y prem
Vienna	30.25-40sch	30.33-38sch	12-10gro prem	27-22gro prem
Zurich	3.90-94f	3.91¾-92¾f	3½-2½c prem	9½-8½c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was 75.6%, unchanged.

Other Markets

Australia	2.024-2.039
Bahrein	0.8995-0.9025
Finland	8.6735-8.7135
Greece	100.05-102.05
Hongkong	11.7805-11.8205
Iran	not available
Kuwait	*0.6350-0.6380*
Malaysia	5.0425-5.0725
Mexico	54.05-55.05
New Zealand	2.416-2.436
Saudi Arabia	7.898-7.928
Singapore	5.0105-5.0305
South Africa	1.787-1.802

Indices

	Bank of England Index	Morgan Guaranty Changes %
Sterling	75.6	−30.2
US dollar	83.5	−10.0
Canadian dollar	80.4	−17.2
Schilling	155.1	+24.0
Belgian franc	115.0	+13.2
Danish kroner	105.9	−5.3
Deutsche mark	153.8	+43.5
Swiss franc	197.0	+79.6
Guilder	125.7	+20.0
French franc	100.6	−6.1
Lira	52.5	−51.6
Yen	135.2	+33.0

Based on trade weighted changes from Washington agreement December, 1971. (Bank of England Index 100).

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	2.0940-2.0960
† Canada	*1.1670-1.1673*
Netherlands	1.9552-1.9562
Belgium	28.81-28.83
Denmark	5.5760-5.5780
West Germany	1.7955-1.7965
Portugal	49.85-49.95
Spain	73.53-73.58
Italy	853.50-853.80
Norway	4.8580-4.8600
France	4.1745-4.1760
Sweden	4.1640-4.1660
Japan	210.90-211.05
Austria	12.71-12.73
Switzerland	1.6460-1.6470

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US $0.8566-0.8569

Money Market Rates

Bank of England MLR 16%
(Last changed *3/7/80*)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 16%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend High 15¾ Low 14½
Week Fixed: 15½-15¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	14 9/16	2 months	14 7/16
3 months	14 7/16	3 months	14⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	15 3/16-15 1/16	3 months	15¾
3 months	14⅞-14¾	4 months	15⅝
4 months	14½-14⅜	6 months	14⅞
6 months	13 15/16-13 7/16		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	17⅞-17⅛	7 months	14¾-14½
2 months	17-16¾	8 months	14¾-14½
3 months	16-15¾	*9 months*	*14⅝-14⅜*
4 months	15½-15¼	10 months	14⅝-14⅜
5 months	15¼-15	11 months	14⅝-14⅜
6 months	14¾-14½	12 months	14-13¾

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	16⅜-16⅛	6 months	14 9/16-14 7/16
3 months	15½-15⅜	12 months	13 15/16-13 13/16

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	16⅛	*3 months*	*15½*
7 days	16⅛	*6 months*	*14½*
1 month	16½	1 year	13⅝

Interbank Market (%)

Weekend: Open 15¾-15½ Close 16

1 week	16⅛-15⅞	6 months	14 11/16-14 9/16
1 month	16⅜-16⅛	9 months	14-13⅞
3 months	15 9/16-15 7/16	12 months	13⅝-13½

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 16 6 months 15⅛
Finance House Base Rate 16½%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£625m	allotted	£200m
Bids at	£96.44	received	30%
Last week	£96.32	received	92%
Average rate	14.1316%	Last week	14.4024%
Next week	£200m	replace	£300m

EMS Currency Rates

	ECU central rates	currency against ECU	% change from central rate†	% change adjusted*	divergence limit % plus-minus
Belgian franc	39.7897	40.6077	+2.06	+0.81	1.53
Danish krone	7.7236	7.84378	+1.56	−0.31	1.64
German D-mark	2.48208	2.53040	+1.95	+0.70	1.125
French franc	5.84700	5.88336	+0.62	−0.63	1.3557
Dutch guilder	2.74362	2.74993	+0.23	−1.02	1.512
Irish punt	0.663201	0.672336	+0.62	−0.63	1.665
Italian lira	1157.79	1200.65	+3.70	+2.45	4.06

† changes are for the ECU therefore positive change denotes weak *currency*.
* adjusted for sterling's weight in the ECU, and for the lira's wider divergence limits.
Adjustment calculated by The Times.

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) *calls, 9¾-10¼; seven days,* 10¾-11; one month, 11⅛-11¼; three months, 11 13/16-12; six months, 12⅛-12 5/16.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $674.50 (an ounce); *pm, $674.00 close, $677.50.*
Krugerrand (per coin): $696-698 (£291.75-292.50).
Sovereigns (new): $170.50-172.50 (£71.50-72.50).

Wall Street

New York, Sept 19.—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed higher with the index up 0.45 to a record 74.81 and the average price per share up 22 cents.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 7.26 to 963.74, bringing its gain for the week to 27.22. Advances led declines 967 to 591 as turnover slowed to 53,780,000 shares from 63,390,000 shares yesterday. That was still sufficient to bring the total for the week to 283,080,000 shares, a record.

A number of blue chips advanced. Active American Telephone, which reported higher three months profit Wednesday, gained ⅝ to 54⅝, Eastman Kodak two to 67, General Motors 1⅝ to 58¼, Johns-Manville 1⅞ to 29⅞ and Standard Oil of California ½ to 74½. Procter and Gamble lost 1¼ to 77.

Pullman added 1½ to 50, Wheelabrator-Frye one to 43½ and McDermott ⅝ to 30⅝. McDermott raised its bid for 5.4 million Pullman shares to $54 each from $43.50.

Precious metal shares increased on higher gold prices. Asa Ltd rose 3¾ to 79¾, Dome Mines 4¼ to 121½, Homestake 3¼, Hecla Mining 2⅛ to 47½ and Callahan Mining 2½ to 37.

	Sept 19	Sept 18
Allied Chem	53⅝	53¼
Allied Stores	23⅞	23¼
Allis Chalmers	32⅞	32
Alcoa	74¼	73½
Amax Inc	49¾	48¾
Amerada Hess	32⅞	32½
Am Airlines	9½	9¼
Am Brands	82½	81¾
Am Broadcast	33⅜	33¼
Am Can	33⅛	32⅞
Am Cyanamid	28⅝	28⅝
Am Elec Power	17⅜	17¼
Am Home	30¼	30⅞
Am Motors	6½	6⅞
Am Nat Res	42	42⅝
Am Standard	72⅝	71½
Am Telephone	54⅝	54
AMF Inc	21⅛	21
Armco Steel	32⅝	32¼
Asarco	48⅝	47½
Ashland Oil	39¾	41
Atlantic Richfield	46⅛	47⅞
Avco	25⅛	24⅞
Avon Products	40	38⅞
Bankers Tst NY	38⅞	38½
Bank of America	26¼	26⅛
Bank of NY	35⅞	35⅞
Beatrice Foods	21⅝	21¼
Bendix	51⅛	50⅝
Bethlehem Steel	25¼	25⅞
Boeing	40⅝	40⅝
Boise Cascade	38½	37⅞
Borden	25⅞	25⅞
Borg Warner	41	40
Bristol Myers	50⅝	49⅝
BP	34⅜	34⅜
Burlington Ind	21⅛	21¼
Burlington Nthn	43⅝	43⅞
Burroughs	70⅛	68⅝
Campbell Soup	31⅛	31½
Canadian Pacific	44⅝	44½
Caterpillar	57⅜	56⅝
Celanese	54½	54½
Central Soya	16⅞	17
Chase Manhat	43⅝	43⅝
Chem Bank NY	42⅝	42⅞
Chesapeake Ohio	41⅜	41
Chrysler	10⅛	10¼
Citicorp	22⅝	22⅞
Cities Service	44⅜	44⅝
Clark Equip	37⅞	36⅝
Coca Cola	33⅝	33⅝
Colgate	16⅞	16⅝
CBS	53	53⅞
Columbia Gas	36⅞	37⅞
Combustion Eng	84½	84½
Comwlth *Edison*	20	19⅞
Conoco	63⅝	53⅝
Cons Edison	24⅜	24⅜
Cons Foods	25⅞	25⅝
Cons Power	18½	18½
Continental Grp	31½	31⅜
Control Data	75⅝	73⅝
Corning Glass	69½	69⅜
CPC Intnl	74⅜	73⅝
Crane	38	38
Crocker Int	36	36⅜
Crown Zeller	50⅛	50⅝
Dart Ind	47⅞	46⅝
Deere	40	38⅞
Delta Air	51	50⅝
Detroit Edison	12	12⅛
Disney	50⅛	49⅝
Dow Chemical	35⅞	35⅝
Dresser Ind	79⅞	78⅝
Duke Power	18	17⅝
Du Pont	47⅛	47
Eastern Air	9⅝	9½
Eastman Kodak	67	65
Eaton Corp	34⅛	34
El Paso Nat Gas	24½	23⅝
Equitable Life	14⅞	14⅞
Esmark	58	57⅞
Evans P. D.	25⅜	24⅛
Exxon Corp	68⅝	69⅝
Fed Dept Stores	34⅜	35⅛
Firestone	9⅝	9⅞
Fst Chicago	15⅛	15⅞
Fst Nat Boston	34⅞	34⅞
Fst Penn Corp	6⅛	5⅞

	Sept 19	Sept 18
Ford	29⅛	28⅞
GAF Corp	13⅛	13⅛
Gen Dynamics	72⅞	72¼
Gen Electric	54½	54⅝
Gen Foods	31	30⅞
Gen Mills	28⅛	29⅛
Gen Motors	58⅛	56⅝
Gen Pub Util NY	5⅛	5⅛
Gen Tel Elec	26⅜	26⅛
Gen Tire	21⅞	21¼
Genesco	5⅛	4⅞
Georgia Pacific	28⅝	27⅛
Getty Oil	79	83⅞
Gillette	29½	29⅞
Goodrich	23⅝	23⅞
Goodyear	16½	16⅝
Gould Inc	25⅞	25⅛
Grace	51	50⅞
Gt Atlic & Pacific	6⅞	6⅞
Greyhound	15⅞	15½
Grumman Corp	26	26⅞
Gulf Oil	38⅞	38⅞
Gulf & West	20⅝	20⅛
Heinz H. J.	46½	46⅝
Hercules	21⅝	21½
Honeywell	92⅞	92½
IC Inds	31⅞	32⅞
Ingersoll	65⅝	64
Inland Steel	29	29⅛
IBM	67⅞	66½
Int Harvester	34⅞	34½
INCO	25½	25⅝
Int Paper	41⅛	41⅞
Int Tel Tel	33	32½
Irving Bank	40½	40⅞
Jewel Co	32⅝	32½
Jim Walter	34⅝	33⅝
Johns-Manville	29⅞	28
Johnson & Johns	80⅛	80⅛
Kaiser Alumin	28⅝	29
Kennecott	30½	31½
Kerr McGee	80⅝	81⅛
Kimberly Clark	53⅞	52⅞
Kraftco Corp	48⅝	47⅞
K Mart	22⅝	22⅞
Kroger	21⅝	21
L T V Corp	13⅞	13½
Litton	71⅛	69⅞
Lockheed	35⅝	34⅞
Lucky Stores	16	16
Manuf Hanover	33	33⅞
Mapco	45⅞	45½
Marathon Oil	54⅛	56⅞
Marine Midland	18⅝	18⅝
Martin Marietta	57½	58
McDonnell	36½	36⅞
Mead	27⅞	27½
Merck	80	79⅝
Minnesota Mng	62	60⅞
Mobil Oil	67⅛	68⅛
Monsanto	53	53⅞
Morgan J. P.	45	44⅞
Motorola	61⅛	64⅞
NCR Corp	73	70⅞
NL Industries	62	62⅞
Nabisco	25⅞	25⅛
Nat Distillers	30⅝	30⅝
Nat Steel	28½	28⅞
Norfolk West	46⅛	45½
NW Bancorp	25⅞	25⅞
Norton Simon	16⅝	16½
Occidental Pet	28⅞	29⅝
Ogden	48⅛	45½
Olin Corp	20	20⅛
Owens-Illinois	24⅞	24⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	23⅝	22⅞
Pan Am	5⅞	5⅞
Penney J. C.	26⅛	25⅞
Pennzoil	47	47⅞
Pepsico	26½	25
Pfizer	48	47
Phelps Dodge	38⅛	37⅞
Philip Morris	43⅛	42½
Phillips Petrol	43⅝	44⅛
Polaroid	30⅞	30⅜
PPG Ind	37⅞	37½
Proctor Gamble	77	78⅜
Pub Ser El & Gas	19	19⅞
Pullman	50	48⅛
Rapid American	23	22⅞

	Sept 19	Sept 18
Raytheon	93⅞	93⅝
RCA Corp	27⅝	27⅞
Republic Steel	24	24
Reynolds Ind	40⅛	39½
Reynolds Metal	40	39⅞
Rockwell Int	33⅞	33½
Royal Dutch	87⅞	88½
Safeways	33	33⅞
St Regis Paper	31⅛	32⅞
Santa Fe Ind	71⅞	70½
SCM	25⅝	25⅞
Schlumberger	140⅞	140
Scott Paper	19⅛	19⅛
Seaboard Coast	50	50
Seagram	59⅞	59½
Sears Roebuck	17⅝	17⅝
Shell Oil	43⅛	42⅞
Shell Trans	38⅞	38⅞
Signal Co	47	45½
Singer	11⅝	11⅞
Sony	15⅝	15⅞
Sth Cal Edison	26	26
Southern Pacific	41	40½
Southern Rly	82⅛	81½
Sperry Corp	57⅛	55⅝
Std Brands	32⅛	32⅝
Std Oil Californa	74⅝	74⅛
Std Oil Indiana	64⅛	63⅞
Std Oil Ohio	50⅝	50⅝
Sterling Drug	20½	20⅛
Stevens J. P.	17⅛	16⅝
Sunbeam Corp	19	19
Sun Comp	40⅞	41⅞
Teledyne	204⅛	204⅛
Tenneco	43⅞	43⅝
Texaco	34½	34½
Texas East Corp	69⅛	71
Texas Inst	139	134⅛
Texas Utilities	17½	17⅞
Textron	27⅛	27⅞
TWA	18	17⅞
Travelers Corp	43½	42⅞
TRW Inc	49⅝	49½
UAL Inc	22	21⅞
Union Carbide	48	48⅝
Union Oil Calif	34½	34⅞
Un Pacific Corp	85⅛	85⅝
Uniroyal	5⅝	5⅞
United Brands	16	15⅞
US Industries	8	7⅞
US Steel	23	23
Utd Technol	52½	51⅛
Wachovia	19⅛	18⅝
Warner Lambert	22⅛	20
Wells Fargo	29⅞	28⅞
West'n Bancorp	30⅛	29⅝
Westinghse Elec	28⅜	26⅞
Weyerhauser	36½	36⅛
Whirlpool	22⅝	22⅝
White Motor	3½	3½
Woolworth	28⅛	28⅝
Xerox Corp	64⅛	63⅞
Zenith	16⅝	17⅛

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	24	24
Alcan Alumin	43	43
Algoma Steel	39	39⅞
Bell Telephone	19	18⅞
Cominco	72⅝	71¼
Cons Bathurst	18¾	19
Gulf Oil	27	27⅞
Hawker Sid Can	21	21
Hudson Bay Min	33	33⅛
Hudson Bay Oil	30⅞	31⅞
Imasco	37⅛	37
Imperial Oil	38⅛	38⅞
Int Pipe	16⅞	17
Mass-Ferguson	7⅛	7⅞
Royal Trust	20⅛	19⅞
Seagram	70	70
Steel Co	36¼	38½
Talcorp	10½	10
Thomson N 'A'	21⅛	22
Walker Hiram	32⅞	33
WCT	12⅞	12⅞

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 2.3843 *(2.3830)*; *three months*, 2.3650 (2.3635); Canadian dollar, 1.1657 (1.1668).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 463.81 (461.79). The futures index was 478.67 (475.97).

The *Dow Jones* averages.—industrials, 963.74 (956.48); transportation, 346.52 (345.09); utilities, 112.31 (112.38); 65 stocks, 363.98 (354.09).

New York Stock Exchange index, 74.81 (74.36); industrials, 86.99 (86.46); transportation, 68.59 (68.37); utilities, 39.17 (38.96); financial, 71.25 (70.66).

US commodities

SPOT SILVER soared 98 cents to $21.80 an ounce. Silver futures closed up the 75-cent limit with the pace-setting December at $22.18. Sept, 2,170.0-2,185.0c; Oct, 2,164.0c; Nov, 2,191.0c; Dec, 2,218.0c; Jan, 2,245.0c; March, 2,299.0c; May, 2,353.5c; July, 2,408.0c; Sept, 2,462.5c; Dec, 2,544.5c; Jan, 2,571.5c; March, 2,626.0c; May, 2,680.5c; July, 2,735.0c.

GOLD contracts with September delivery *dates rose $14 an ounce to $688.20*, were: CHICAGO IMM.—Sept, $688.00 bid; Oct, $699.00 bid; Dec, $708.50-707.50; Jan, $717.50 bid; March, $737.00-734.50; April, $745.00 bid; June, $762.00-763.50 bid; July, $771.70 bid. NY COMEX.—Sept, $686.00; Oct, $690.00-692.00; Nov, $699.10; Dec, $706.50-709.00; Feb, $724.50-726.40; April, $745.00-746.50; June, $761.00; Aug, $780.00; Oct, $798.90; Dec, $817.90; Feb, $837.50; April, $857.10; June, $877.00.

COMEX COPPER futures finished a moderately busy session with prices closing 1.95 to 2.00 cents higher in nearbys and up 1.75 to 1.85 cents in inactive back months.—Sept, 94.30c; Oct, 94.60c; Nov, 95.65c; Dec, 96.00-96.70c; Jan, 97.25c; March, 98.50-99.20c; May, 100.30-100.70c; July, 101.70c; Sept, 103.40c; Dec, 105.80c; Jan, 106.55c; March, 108.15c; May, 109.75c; July, 111.35c.

COTTON futures closed a very quiet session slightly above day's lows, up 0.57 to 0.30 cent in active contracts, with near October adding 0.51 cent at 91.56 cents.—Oct, 91.50-91.65c; Dec, 93.50-92.65c; March, 95.10-95.50c; May, 95.35c; July, 93.90c bid-93.00c asked; Oct, 87.25c bid-87.50c asked; Dec, 83.90-84.00c.

WORLD SUGAR for spot October delivery closed 2.21 cents lower on persistent liquidation by a large United States trade house, while forward contracts steadied on strong speculation about new USSR sugar purchases. Oct, 37.25-37.50c; Jan, 39.50-39.35c; March, 40.80-40.90c; May, 40.70-40.80c; July, 39.80-39.90c; Sept, 37.80c; Oct, 36.90c; Jan, 33.60 bid-34.00c asked.

COCOA futures finished with gains of $8 to $15 — were: Sept, 103.00-101.25c; Dec, 23.40-23.05c; March, 23.02-23.56c; May, 23.22-24.00c; July, 24.45-24.30c; Dec, 25.40-25.40c.

COFFEE futures closed a quiet session above lows, but off 1.22 to 3.95 cents. Spot September expired at 135.00 cents, down 3.90. Sept, 125.00c; Dec, 130.50-131.00c; March, 134.00-135.00c; May, 138.25c; July, 137.50-139.30c; Sept, 140.00-140.10c; Dec, 141.00c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Futures closed 18¾ to 3¼ cents a bushel higher. Oil *closed up 0.37 cent a lb to down* 0.50. MEAL ended near day's highs, up $6.80 to $0.50 a ton.—SOYABEANS, Sept, 852-843c; Nov, 878-858c; Jan, 898-877c; March, 917½-897c; May, 923½-903½c; July, 922½-901c; Aug, 917-893c; *Sept*, 870-856c; Nov, 850-830c. SOYABEAN OIL.—Sept, 27.75c; Oct, 27.85-27.75c; Dec, 28.55-28.50c; Jan, 28.60-28.65c; March, 29.10-29.20c; May, 29.30c; July, 29.55c; Aug, 29.50c; Sept, 29.00c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Sept, $24.70 bid-24.75 asked; Oct, $25.18-25.15; Dec, $25.65-25.70; Jan, $25.90-25.85; March, $26.25-26.20; May, $26.15-26.20; July, $26.00-25.95; Aug, $25.55-25.50; Sept, $24.55.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—Wheat futures closed strong, up 11¾ to eight cents a bushel. Prices ended on top of an 11 cent range. Corn futures ended 8¼ to 2½ cents a bushel higher, with prices at or near the top of a five cent range. WHEAT, Sept, 486½-477c; Dec, 507-496½c; March, 525-515c; May, 530-518c; July, 525½-517c; Sept, 535-524½c. OATS, Sept, 200¼-199c; Dec, 213-210½c; March, 221½-220c; May, 224½-222c; July, 221-219c. CORN, Sept, 355-340¾c; Dec, 358-353c; March, 369-364c; May, 372½-367½c; July, 371½-368c; Sept, 359-356½c.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

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Stock Exchange Prices

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 15. Dealings End, Sept 26. § Contango Day, Sept 29. Settlement Day, Oct 6

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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BRITISH FUNDS

1979/80 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
SHORTS							
105⅝	97¾	Exch	13% 1980	99[illegible]	[illegible]	13.060	15.147
101¹¹⁄₁₆	94¹⁵⁄₁₆	Treas	11½% 1981	99¼	-¼	11.607	14.246
96¼	88¾	Treas	3½% 1979-81	96⅜		3.630	12.695
99⅞	91¹⁵⁄₁₆	Treas	9¾% 1981	98⅛	+¹⁄₁₆	9.930	13.514
96¹¹⁄₁₆	88¼	Exch	8¼% 1981	96⁷⁄₁₆	-¹⁄₁₆	8.555	13.573
96⅝	91	Exch	9½% 1981	96¹⁵⁄₁₆	-¹⁄₁₆	9.880	13.330
94	84¼	Exch	3% 1981	93⅛	-⅛	3.204	10.573
105	95¼	Exch	12¾% 1981	99⅝		12.798	13.017
96¾	87½	Treas	8½% 1980-82	95¹⁄₁₆	-¹⁄₁₆	8.942	12.642
91⅝	82	Treas	3% 1982	91⅞		3.274	9.528
105½	96⅞	Treas	14% 1982	101¹³⁄₁₆	-⅛	13.748	12.645
95⅝	85¼	Treas	8¼% 1982	92¹⁵⁄₁₆	-⅛	8.877	12.781
97⅞	87¾	Exch	9¼% 1982	93⅛	-⅛	9.888	13.011
95¼	84½	Exch	8¾% 1983	92⅛	-⅛	9.433	12.456
95⅛	76⅝	Exch	3% 1983	83¾		3.583	10.820
104½	90⅝	Treas	12% 1983	98	-⅛	12.247	12.979
97⅞	82¹³⁄₁₆	Treas	9½% 1983	92½	-¼	10.002	12.464
102¼	94⁷⁄₁₆	Exch	13½% 1983	100⅝	-⅛	13.398	13.163
96⅝	83½	Exch	10% 1983	92⅞	-⅛	10.808	12.889
104¾	94½	Exch	14% 1984	102⅝	-¼	13.641	13.044
89½	78	Fund	5½% 1982-84	84¼		6.528	11.312
97¹⁵⁄₁₆	88⁵⁄₁₆	Exch	11¼% 1984	95⅜	-¼	11.797	12.942
77¼	68¼	Exch	3% 1984	76⅝	-⅛	3.927	10.345
101¼	87⅜	Treas	12% 1984	97⅞	+¼	12.082	12.650
73⅝	69	Treas	3% 1985	71¼	-¼	4.212	11.058
109⁵⁄₁₆	98¼	Treas	15% 1985	107⅝	-⅛	13.937	12.863
MEDIUMS							
110	87⅜	Exch	12½% 1985	102½		12.457	12.673
95¼	77⅝	Treas	8¼% 1984-86	87⅝		9.869	11.866
112⅞	91½	Exch	13¼% 1987	103⅜		13.091	12.941
84⅝	70½	Fund	6½% 1985-87	80¼		8.302	11.238
85⅝	73¼	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	79⅝		9.857	12.233
70⅝	54⅞	Trans	3% 1978-88	68⅛	-¼	4.806	10.089
99	83½	Treas	11½% 1990	93⅛	-⅛	12.480	13.056
73¼	56⅞	Treas	5% 1986-89	64⅝	-¼	7.676	11.227
114¼	87⅝	Treas	13% 1990	101⅞	-⅛	13.156	13.319
89⅝	65⅝	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	79¾	-¼	10.642	12.388
106⅞	80½	Treas	11¾% 1991	93¼	-⅛	12.937	13.398
95⅝	77¼	Exch	11% 1991	85	-⅛	12.849	13.287
72⅞	57½	Fund	[illegible] 1987-91	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
112	87	Treas	12¾% 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.297	13.441
94½	73⅝	Treas	10% 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.197	13.070
107⅞	84⅝	Exch	12¼% 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.152	13.404
104	94¼	Exch	13½% 1992	99¼	-⅛	13.554	13.579
110⅝	83⅝	Treas	12½% 1993	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.208	13.364
68½	54⅝	Fund	6% 1993	62⅝	-¼	9.615	11.713
119½	90½	Treas	13¾% 1993	105⅛	-⅛	13.645	13.608
122	96½	Treas	14½% 1994	106⅛	-⅛	13.743	13.605
103¹⁄₁₆	96	Exch	13½% 1994	102⅝	-⅛	13.155	12.681
109¼	85½	Exch	12½% 1994	95¼	-⅛	13.261	13.403
89½	68	Treas	9% 1994	80⅞	[illegible]	11.693	12.500
106¼	89⅝	Treas	12% 1995	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.078	13.279
51⅛	43	Gas	3% 1990-95	49¼	[illegible]	6.262	9.792
93⅛	73⅛	Exch	10¼% 1995	83½	-¼	12.340	13.059
LONGS							
112⅞	85	Treas	12¾% 1995	100¾	-¼	13.261	13.380

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1979/80 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
333	271	Akroyd & Sm	346	-10	28.6	8.3	4.5
64	44	Assam Trdng 'B'	60	..	1.8	3.0	18.7
90	25⅛	Boustead	80	-1	1.8	2.2	19.6
27	10½	Brit Arrow	24	-½	1.0	4.2	17.3
144	88	Challenge Corp	118	..	7.4	6.3	6.8
97	55	Charterhse Grp	91	● -1	6.1	6.7	9.5
52	26⅞	C Fin de Suez	£31½	..	301	9.6	8.3
521	245	Daily Mail Tst	496	-2	28.6	5.8	6.6
525	246	Do A	486	-2	28.6	5.9	6.5
150	101	Electra Inv	145	..	9.0b	6.2	22.6
42	27	Exploration	38	●	1.3	3.3	11.1
96	53	Fc Finance	83	+2	3.1	3.8	40.1
29	19	Goode D & M grp	27	+½	1.1	4.0	7.5
501	258	Inchcape	499	-3	25.9	5.2	12.4
176	99¼	Lloyds & Scot	171	..	7.5	4.4	13.6
38	24	Ldn & Euro Grp	33	-1	2.1	6.3	6.5
205	125	M&G Grp (Hldgs)	174	+2	.. e	..	16.3
59	40	Manson Fin	55	..	5.0	9.1	12.7
299	152	Mercantile Hse	290	-5	17.9	6.2	10.3
150	51	Prov Fin Grp	142	● -1	9.5	6.7	9.2
87¼	51	Sime Darby	71	..	2.5	3.6	17.1
65	21	Smith Bros	40	-1	3.6	8.9	6.6
12	11¼	Tyndall O/S	£12	..	25.0	2.1	..
68	32	Utd Dom Tst	44	..	..	..	9.1
57	31	Wagon Fin	42	● ..	3.3	7.9	10.4
130	66	Yule Catto	103	+3	2.9	2.8	17.0

INSURANCE

1979/80 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
290	138	Britannic	264	-3	17.5	6.6	..
185	120	Com Union	182	+2	14.6	8.0	..
288	124	Eagle Star	262	-6	14.1	5.4	..
334	162	Equity & Law	332	-2	15.7	4.7	..
308	158	Gen Accident	386	-2	19.2	5.0	..
375	206	GRE	364	-2	20.7	5.7	..
306	76	Hambro Life	306	..	12.4	4.1	..
256	100	Heath C. E.	221	-2	13.8	6.2	10.1
152	83	Hogg Robinson	137	-4	8.1	5.9	11.5
137	61½	Howden A.	105	-1	8.2	7.8	8.2

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

SHIPPING

1979/80 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
362	277	Bi[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
278	[illegible]	F[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
125	29½	Hunting	338	-2	[illegible]	6.3	4.6
46½	31½	Jacobs	130	-1	6.4	[illegible]	..
245	150	Manchester	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.4	..
135	93	Ocean T.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
137	71	P & O Dfd.	126	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MINES

OIL

PROPERTY

RUBBER

TEA

1979/80 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
173	118	Surmah Valley	118	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
211	110	Warren Plant	1[illegible]	-2	14.3	7.8	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1979/80 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
81	25	Calcutta Elec	30	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
37½	29½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	29½	..	350	11.8	..
74	7	Gt Nthn Tele	57	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
302	179½	Imp Cont Gas	275	-1	25.6	9.8	12.0
222	115	Milford Docks	125	-2	[illegible]	7.8	21.4
123	60¼	Nesco Inv	115	..	9.0	7.6	..
35½	29½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£32½	..	350	10.8	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. g Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Baker Electronics 10p Ord (60)	[illegible]
Brim Inv	270+10
Energy Capital 12½p Ord (25½)	30
Exchequer 12% 'A' 1985 (£8)	[illegible]
Golaas-Larsen $1 Common Shares	100
Marinex Petroleum 10p Ord (200)	245-3
Rolfe and Nolan 10p Ord	72
S.P.G. Minerals 10p Ord (80)	96
Shackleton Petroleum NPV ($2)	6+1
Sunderland S.S Wtr 9¾% Ird 1985 (£)	£105½
Treasury 11¾% [illegible] 1991 (£)	£47½-¼
Treasury 12% 1987 (£)	£25½-¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Blue Circle (300)	Oct 17	58 prem
British Vita (105)	..	13 prem
Derritron (13)	Sep 19	19½ prem
ML Holdings (240)		125 prem+5
Mercantile Hse (229)	Nov 14	73 prem
Polly Peck (75)	Sep 10	32 prem
Spencer Gears (15)	Oct 10	1½ prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid b £75 paid. c £20 paid. f Fully paid. g £50 paid. h £70 paid. k £40 paid.

Shoparound with Beryl Downing

■ It was a warm and sunny September Saturday when I revisited Camden Lock. A group of bikers with black tights and white faces were performing by the canal, doing unmentionable things to each other with cardboard saws. They were succeeded by a very good singing duo with a guitar and double bass, which is not the most mobile busking instrument but does have the advantage of an enormous case in which to catch the audience's appreciation.

The relaxed crowd of locals and tourists arranged themselves round the performers and looked as if they were resting between takes for a documentary on Fashion Since the Sixties—the girl in the Indian cotton and bare feet, the good-looking black in the white drill and co-respondent shoes, the blond gay with alarming black eyebrows, purple Lurex socks and pink leather pumps. If they hadn't been there you would have had to paint them *in against the backdrop* of bridge, barge and basic brick.

Camden Lock has been an enormously successful enterprise since it was turned in 1972 from a disused timber yard into a series of permanent craft workshops and a lively weekend market. Enormously successful; certainly, from a social standpoint, perhaps slightly less so from the commercial view of the British Waterways Board, which owns the lock, if only because the high rateable value of the site now suggests something more profitable than one-man bands.

For five years the threat of development has been hanging over the craftspeople who have workshops at the lock. A group of property developers say they want to provide further craft shops and studios, but as the rents will certainly be higher than those paid at present, everyone is afraid that "the boutiquey people will move in" and change the character of the area.

Already workshops that become vacant are being snapped up at higher rents than the existing tenants can afford. There have been two public inquiries and Camden Council is now waiting for a decision from the Department of the Environment. The council opposed the plans, believing that the character of the whole lock would change and putting itself firmly "on the side of the existing tenants who have built up the area to what it is today".

Everyone who works at the lock and surely many of its visitors hope that the community value of the area will outweigh the commercial value of the site, whatever business pressures are brought to bear on the Minister. It is unique in its appearance, in its position and, above all, in the spirit of cooperation which exists among the people trading there.

When, for instance, I mislaid the telephone number of the Five Jewellers I was referred to "the lady in the Lock Shop". She couldn't find it but ran across the square to ask one of the five to call me back. Can you imagine a trendy boutique owner doing that to hand a rival a helping of publicity?

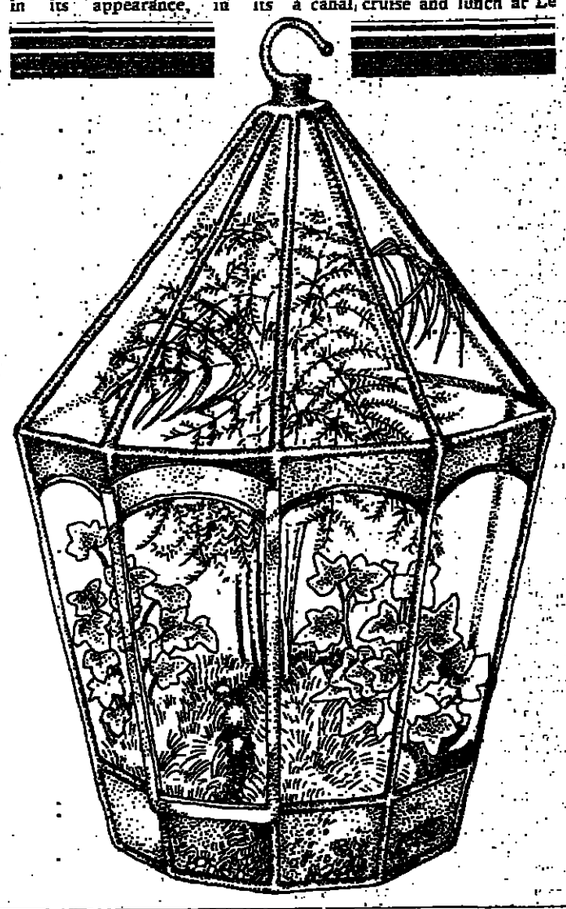
If you plan a visit to see for yourself, allow enough time for a canal cruise and lunch at Le Routier, which has the slightly battered air cultivated by French restaurateurs who imply that if you care more about the tablecloth than the food you shouldn't be wasting their time.

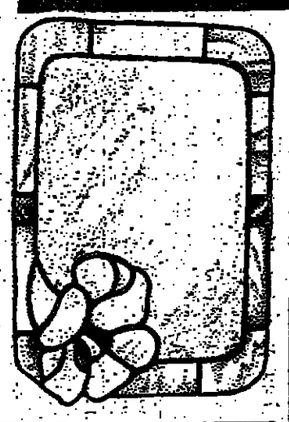
This one, though, manages to provide charming service as well as original food—starters of deep fried camembert with a surprising but good accompaniment of gooseberry preserve, £1.45, clams stuffed with spinach, parsley and garlic butter, £2.40, smoked trout mousse, £1.15. Main courses included baked Scotch salmon, £6.70, grilled fillet of pork in a ginger marinade, £4.20, ham on the bone with new potatoes, £3.45. Litre carafes of house wine are £4.35 and there are special house selections at £3.75 a bottle—ask for details on the day. Last orders 2.30 pm for lunch and 10.45 in the evenings. Closed on Mondays.

The area round the canal is called Commercial Place and there you can find a variety of pottery and leatherwork, painted silks, pine beds and prints. If your fancy runs to gilded swags and reproduction stone lions, you can visit The Gift Shop, where Edward Paddon creates all sorts of classical reproductions in fibre glass and resin. He is also treasurer of the Tenants' Association and a strong supporter of the craftsmen's cause.

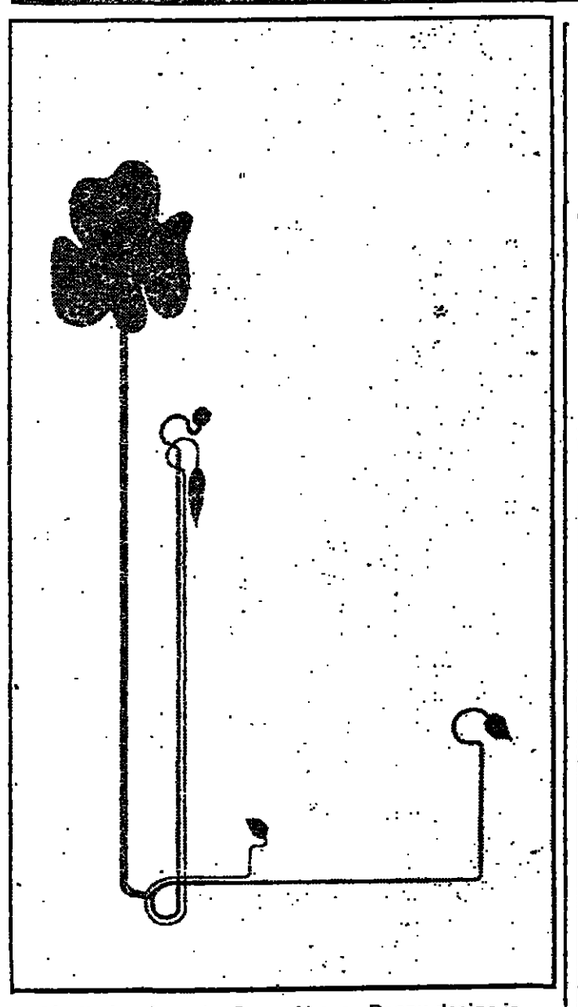
"These craftsmen of Camden Lock have turned a derelict area into a place that is alive and full of character", said Paddon. "There are plenty of talented people who seriously need cheap workshops—it is difficult enough to make craft pay—and higher rents would force many of them out of business."

Apart from visiting the workshops, if you scheduled your visit for a weekend you can also wander round the jostling market stalls, have your palm read or choose some old lace, a second-hand carpet, a comic wall plaque, sustain yourself with a hot snack or a bag of home-made sweets. It would surprise me very much if you came away from a day at Camden Lock without the conviction that the people there have contributed and will continue to contribute far more to London life than many others who have nothing to offer but a higher rent.





Stained glass mirrors, boxes and lamps are Marc Gerstein's speciality at Lead and Light, 15 Camden Lock. He also makes Terrariums in various shapes to hang or to make table decorations. The one right, ready planted, is £48.30 and the mirror far right is from £18.40 according to size. He is open daily, except Mondays from 10 am to 5 pm. Telephone 01-485 4568.



■ Of all the shops in Commercial Place, Blind Alley has probably had the most influence on other designers working in the same field. When they opened eight years ago there was nothing remotely like them—blinds were functional light excluders and the nearest commercial companies could get to offering them as interior decoration was to make them up in stiffened fabric to match curtains or loose covers.

"Blinds weren't really designed at all," says Janet Semmens, creator of Blind Alley. "The only decorated blind at the time had a royal coat of arms and was discovered hanging in one of the loos in Whitehall. The idea of painting blinds to create a fantasy or an illusion was unheard of."

Moreover, the possibilities of such a scheme were totally ignored by the big manufacturers. They told Janet Semmens that her ideas would never sell, and it was their rejection that forced her into setting up her own studio. At first all the designs were painted on the premises, but then, with business coming in from many parts of the world, she set up a separate factory where all the artwork, still hand-done, is produced.

The present range, which includes hand printed and freehand airbrushed designs has been considerably extended since the early days and includes landscapes, florals and abstracts, any one of which can be produced in colours to meet individual specifications. The artwork costs from £18.34 to £83.49—airbrushed designs from £99.42 to £165.60— plus *the cost of the plain fabric* blind, which ranges from £16.39 for 2ft x 3ft to £94.27 for 8ft x 8ft 8in.

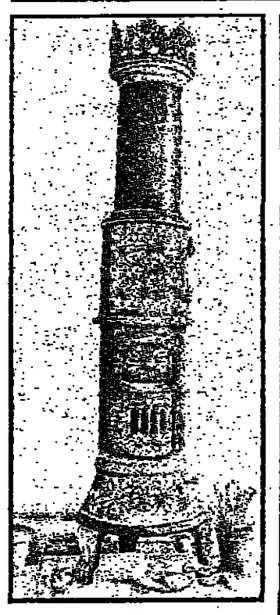
Above: Poppy design is available on the right or left and can have extra poppy heads added. London scene, below, can be produced as a night scene or daytime landscape. Both from Blind Alley, Camden Lock.

Estimates can be given for special hand painted commissions. Designers will visit homes in the London area for a fee of £12. Standard prints can be made up in any colour combinations.

Because of the steady and inevitable increase in prices, Janet Semmens has also introduced a pattern book of eight designs, also all hand printed, but offered at a lower price because they are produced in a standard range of sizes and sometimes in a limited colour range. A design which would normally cost £49.28 for a 2ft x 3ft is £31.23 in the pattern book range.

If you cannot get to the shop in Camden Lock all that is necessary is a small sample of carpet, wall paper or a tile, plus the measurements of your window, and Blind Alley will suggest suitable designs or will send sketches with colour recommendations and price quotes.

Or you can simply write for their brochure (enclosing sae) to Blind Alley, Commercial Place, Chalk Farm Road, London, NW1, or send 50p for fabric samples and brochure. Telephone *01-485 8030*. They are open from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Saturday, 11 am-5 pm Sunday.



■ The Stove Shop, upstairs in the most recently converted warehouse in the Lock, began as an experiment when Pete and Aniparo Crabb imported a few antique stoves from Denmark and, having no shop, sold them through their friends who run the stained-glass studio opposite. They sold so well that they began to import in larger quantities, mostly from Denmark, but also some from France.

All are original and date from about 1870 to 1940. Prices range from £200 to £1,500. Most were designed for solid fuel, but for those living in the country there are some specifically intended to burn wood. All are restored, sandblasted, polished by Pete Crabb in his Kilburn Park workshop and he also installs new fire bricks which are guaranteed for a year. He will visit your home to advise on installation and the suitability of your chimney.

The Stove Shop at 47c Camden Lock is open on Saturdays and Sundays, or by appointment. Otherwise you can call at the workshop at 1A Beethoven Street, London, W10 from Monday to Friday, 10 am to 6 pm. Telephone: 01-969 9531.

Cast iron, free standing Danish stove, about 1880. £1,500. One of a selection from the Stove Shop, Camden Lock.

■ Just outside Camden Lock is a shop unusual in London—a specialist in light fittings made before the 1930s. There are several excellent shops that deal in reproduction and antique, but After Dark has concentrated on the real thing, going back to about 1880.

Like so many specialist shops it began because its owners were amateurs fascinated by their subject. Anthony Desbrow-Banks had been collecting old light fittings for about five years and when he and his partner Janet Holdstock opened they had only a handful of other shops for company in that particular stretch of Chalk Farm Road. There was the paper shop opposite and next door was 21 Antiques, well known for its magnificent collection of patchwork quilts and a wonderful browsing ground for pickers-up of well considered trifles.

That was four years ago. Since then the stretch between the canal bridge and the Roundhouse theatre has burgeoned with shops specializing in all sorts of things from plants and posters to brass bedsteads and what no doubt will one day be antique plastic. During that time, too, After Dark has begun to develop another side to the business—the hiring of light fittings for films and TV commercials. If you have a good eye for detail you may have noticed their lamps in *The Mallens* or one of Roald Dahl's *Tales of the Unexpected*.

It seems that people even hire fittings for private parties, which I can understand if they want to add atmosphere to a fancy dress occasion, but seems rather a responsibility for an ordinary celebration. Maybe my guests are more than usually exuberant, but I would certainly find having to restrain people from swinging on a £1,600 Victorian gas pendant distinctly irksome. At least with the British Home jobs you know you can pop out and replace them in the morning.

Some of the most unusual lamps are for hiring only because they simply cannot be replaced, and these are kept in a separate room upstairs. But there are plenty of interesting and unusual examples in the downstairs showroom, too, among them a pair of fringed gas brackets with their original glass bead fringes—it always amazes me that such fragile decoration should survive generations of moving house.

There are also several splendid examples of barn hoops, which were designed for use in barns or churches or any buildings with steeply sloping roofs. The shades were often made of vaseline glass, which had oil mixed into the glass, giving it a particularly liquid sheen which can no longer be reproduced, and there was always a smoke cover or bell to prevent the heat rising to the ceiling and melting the pitch that lined the roof. The one illustrated has the rope patterned brass hoop and green vaseline glass typical of the 1870s. Before that the glass would have been pale blue or, earliest of all, a combination of red and green.

Most of the pieces are in their original condition, apart perhaps from an occasional brass gallery which has had to be replaced, and none is converted until it has a buyer. Prices of many are in the collectors-only class—£400 is not unusual—but you can find plenty of choice from the 1930s for much less: a table lamp, for instance, at £35, a handsome brass desk lamp for £96, both of which would be rather easier to live with than a pair of brass brackets each ornamented with a head of Queen Victoria, splendidly evocative of their original palatial setting but perhaps *a little competitive placed* on either side of Anna Ford and Sandy Gall.

After Dark, at 20 Chalk Farm Road, London NW is open from 11 am to 5 pm, seven days a week. Telephone 01-267 3300.

Barn lamp, about 1870, with vaseline glass shade and glass smoke bell. £196 from After Dark, 20 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1. Telephone 01-267 3300.

Bamboo framed mirror set with hand sculpted tiles by Ron Hitchins. 18in x 21½in; £50 from the Kay and Lyons Studio Unit, 30b/c Commercial Place, Camden Lock NW1. Open 11 am to 3.30 pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 11 am to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday. Telephone 01-267 9843.

■ The newest comers to the Lock are Diana Lyons and Avril Kay, who opened a gallery there two months ago. They met at Camden Arts Centre when they were learning to sculpt and they use the gallery as a studio and as a place to sell the work of other artists.

Ron Hitchins is a ceramic sculptor. Ron—it really is impossible to call anyone Mr Hitchins after you have been addressed as "Beryl darlin'" on your first telephone call—is more flamboyant than even a Cockney flamenco dancer turned sculptor has any need to be.

"Do you want me to begin way back when I stabbed someone and was sent to reform school, or when I got slung out of the coal mines?" he enquired socially, offering as an alternative starting point the time he was one of the first to start the Teddy Boy era by designing and selling shirts in a street market and was nicknamed Flash for the outrageous clothes he used to wear.

The Spanish dancing started nearly 30 years ago when he went to see Antonio and Rosario—"the gods of Spanish dancing to me"—and he left determined that imitation was his sincerest way of worshipping at their shrine. Of course, no one believed he could out-flamenco his idols, but they hadn't reckoned with Ron's dedication. He achieved such excellence that he even won over Spanish audiences in their own country. With a troupe that included an English guitarist, an Irish singer, an Indonesian and Cockney Ron himself, he won not only the applause, but the respect of experts who had tried to laugh him off the stage before they had seen him perform.

His assault on the art world was equally impulsive—a chance meeting at a party with a sculptor who asked him to sit for her—and equally obsessive. He began to design pendants, then to sculpt ceramic tiles and in two years had achieved a high enough standard to be given a one-man show. That was 14 years ago, when he was 40.

His tiles are available in decorative panels, unframed or set in brass or wood. He uses them for table tops, to inlay box tops, to surround mirrors. Each one is individually made and different from the next, but all have a distinctly Aztec feeling.

If the idea appeals to you I suggest you head for Camden Lock as soon as you can. Ron is now talking about welded sculptures and creating things out of geodes. If previous form is anything to go by, perfecting one art is simply the excuse to start something new.

■ If the intricacy of making jewelry fascinates you as much as it does me, you will not be able to resist stopping by to watch one of the Five Jewellers at work. This group of young graduates of Hornsey and Sir John Cass colleges are carrying on a tradition of excellence started by Sarah Jones, whose talents as a silversmith were first displayed at the Lock and have now been recognized by the freedom of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths.

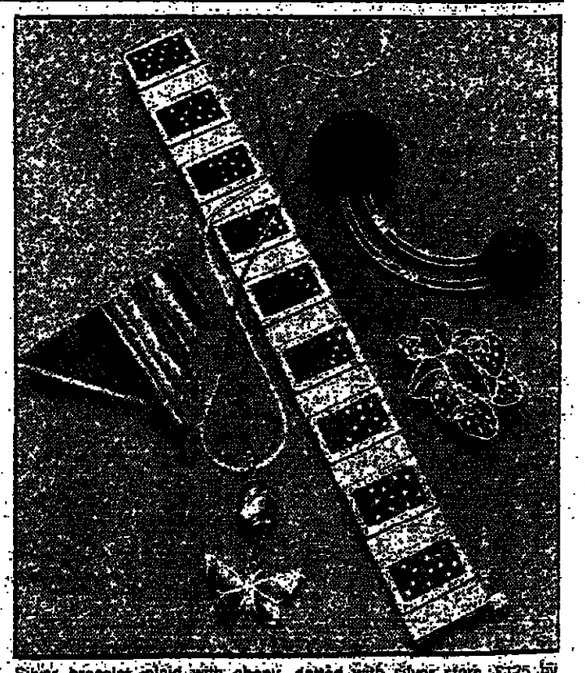
The Five work mainly in silver and gold.

When they first started they concentrated on the more expensive pieces—the upper limit is about £150, although special commissions can be as much as you choose—but two years ago they decided to produce some inexpensive lines.

These have stood them in good stead during this difficult economic year and among the most attractive are the small stick pins decorated with flowers in carved stones at £4.50 and the "barbed wire" bracelets at £3 in brightly coloured anodized aluminium.

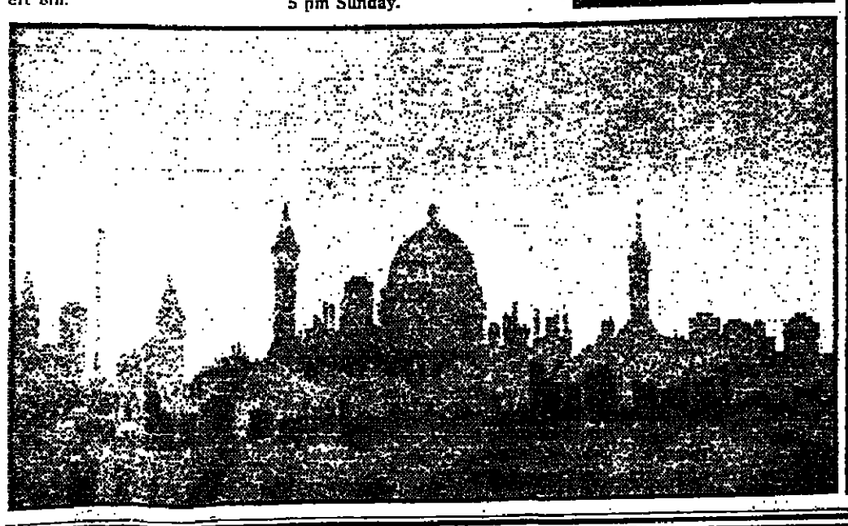
Those looking for something unusual will not be disappointed. These jewellers will design in any metal and their inventiveness is not limited to the precious ones. They work in copper and brass, too, and on one occasion they made a tin brooch for a tin wedding anniversary. At a more exotic level they will design settings for loose stones—"people come to us with stones they have picked up in India".

Their success is measured by the large numbers of regular customers who come back to them for presents and anniversaries and the occasional self-indulgence. If you fancy being among them, the workshop is at 24 Camden Lock and someone is usually there each day, but if you want to see a particular one of the five—Karen Lawrence, Jackie Jones, Beverley Phillips, Susi Hines or Sarah Goldwater—check first by telephoning 01-267 3772.



Silver bracelet inlaid with ebony, dotted with silver stars, £125 by Jackie Jones; slender silver necklet with butterfly pendant inlaid with mother of pearl, £35 by Karen Lawrence; brooch in silver and gold, inlaid with mother of pearl, coral, ebony, abalone and tortoiseshell, £120 by Beverley Phillips; silver and resin strawberry brooch £27 by Sarah Goldwater; silver brooch set with rods of nothing rainbow colours, £45 by Susi Hines.

■ Those who cannot visit Camden Lock may like to know that London, alas, will not be the only one to have a Shoparound to themselves this week. Manchester's another I hope to visit other cities from time to time.



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HOME & GARDEN

POSTAL SHOPPING

Retailers and Mail Order Specialists

By now you must be preparing for a certain festive season which is only 2 months away—a time when everyone wants to make merry and delights in giving and receiving exciting, unusual presents, but where do they find them?

In The Times 'Countdown to Christmas'

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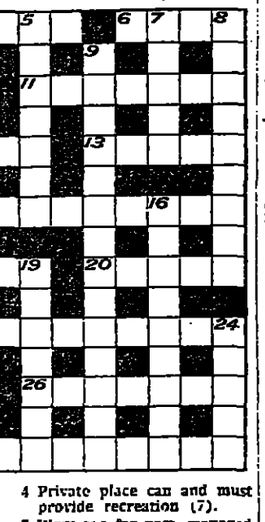

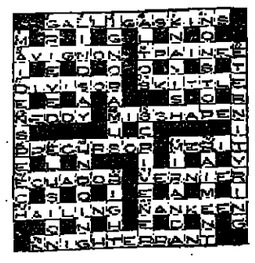

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BOND.—On September 19th in Wallingford, to Josephine (nee Attwater) wife of Rodney Bond, a son (Sebastian Rodney James).

LYLE.—On September 4th in Qatar, to Michelle (nee Moisson) and Colin—a son (Gregory Mark), a brother for Nicolas.

McCALL.—On 15th September, in Melbourne, Australia, to Niamh (nee Mulrooney) and Simon—a daughter (Bridget Lucy).

PARKER.—On September 12th, at St Mary's Hospital, to Vanessa and Bill—a daughter.

WALLS.—On September 16th, 1980 at the Welbeck Clinic, to Alan Walls and Celia Moss—a son.

WARD.—On September 16th, at Westminster Hospital, to Imogen and Graham—a son (Andrew Charles Richard), a brother for Peter.

WEBB.—On 18th September, at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, to Jane and Nicholas—a son, a brother for Charles.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,327

ACROSS

1 Mistaken for Lancers, tho' a more modern dance (10).
6 Not inclined to provide accommodation, note (4).
10 Two fellows famous for translating Homer (7).
11 Auditor's trouble—attention to account he adds up (7).
12 Periodical taking a certain view of events (9).
13 In retrospect there's a time and place for war (5).
14 Had meal cooked twice in in North? Did indeed (5).
15 Island's able to take in one French, one English citizen . . . (9).
17 . . . and a Chinaman—not a Swiss (9).
20 Vain and discontented? (5).
21 Best of the field at Le Mans (5).
23 Doing outstanding work with 'em, managing to succeed (9).
25 Merchant, pound-foolish in a vital deal (7).
26 Revive again in a weaker form (7).
27 Lively as the National? (4).
28 Inferior to 21? Come off it! (6-4).

DOWN

1 Birds released when shooting begins (5).
2 A plucky man loses heart on meeting Greek hero (9).
3 Two-man business? (7, 7).
4 Private place can and must provide recreation (7).
5 Went too far past, managed to finish (7).
7 Philosopher associated with Caius, so to speak (5).
8 Wells heroine said to find squire in 9 (9).
9 *Seen in Eritrea?* Sure is—landed a story (8, 6).
14 Used for session at card-table, or on board? (4-5).
16 Involve one member with whip in dishonesty (9).
18 Regards production of mine as nasty spectacle (7).
19 Board ship that's docked to operate this trade ban (7).
22 Shape of urn Keats liked in the room (5).
24 New government boundaries arranged for county (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 15,326

BIRTHDAYS

FIONA.—Happy 21st Birthday to a top person. Love Dad, Mum, Phuz, Jane and Sal.

CAREY BETT of Haltwhistle is 60 tomorrow.—Happy birthday. Walla.

MARRIAGES

HILLS : McNAUGHTON.—On September 12th at the Avenue United Reformed Church, Southampton, Professor Graham Hills to Mary McNaughton.

VERE NICOLL : ALEXANDER.—On September 18th in London, Graham Morison to Jacquelyn (nee Bray).

SILVER WEDDINGS

BIGG-WITHER : MOORE SMITH (née Wright) on September 23rd, 1955, at St Columbas Church, London, Richard to Priscilla, now at Wellwaters, Dogmersfield, Hants.

DEATHS

ALLAN.—On 17th September, Kenneth, most loved and loving husband of Elise, stepfather of Helen, friend and counsellor. Requiem Mass at R.C. Church of St Aidan, Coulsdon, Saturday, 27th September, 12 noon. Cremation private. Family flowers only, but donations, if wished to U.N.I.C.E.F.

BARNARD.—On 16th September, 1980, Greville Hugh, F.C.A., loved husband of Eileen, father of Hilary. Funeral 11.30 a.m., Friday, September 26th at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End Road. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, London or Cancer Research.

BOYES-WATSON, HILDA GRACE, on September 19th, 1980, lately of Abbeyfield House, Southchurch Boulevard, Thorpe Bay. Funeral, 2.30 p.m., Thursday, September 25th, at Southend-on-Sea Crematorium.

CARTER.—On September 17th, Rev William Antony of the Josephite Community at St Georges College, Weybridge for 52 years. Funeral mass in the college chapel on Wednesday, September 24th, at 11 a.m. No flowers please but donations may be made to Josephite Mission Fund. May he rest in peace.

d'ABO.—On Sept. 14th, 1980, Robert Edward Louis, aged three weeks son of Lal (nee Burnham) and Noel. *Please, no letters.* Donations may be sent to the hospital for sick children, Great Ormond St., W.C.1, or The Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, 5 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent.

GEE, HYMAN.—Formerly Principal Welfare Officer of The Boys Industrial Department of the Jewish Welfare Board 1930-1965, on 18th September, 1980, at The Royal Free Hospital. Dearly beloved and greatly revered father of Miriam Margolin and Malcolm Gee. Sadly missed by his son-in-law, daughter-in-law, his grandchildren, brother and sisters, relatives and friends. Prayers on Sunday and Monday, 21st and 22nd September, at 8 p.m., at 1 Reynolds Close, Hampstead Way, N.W.11.

HAMBIDGE.—On 17th September, peacefully, Grace Elizabeth, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service in Leatherhead Parish Church at 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 22nd September. Flowers to L. Hawkins and Sons, Leatherhead.

HANBURY-WILLIAMS.—On September 17th, 1980, peacefully at home. Zenaida (nee Princess Cantacuzene, Countess Speransky), widow of Sir John Hanbury-Williams, C.V.O. Enquiries to Kenyons Ltd., 01-937 0757.

HENTY-DODD, CYRIL EDWIN P.—Born Salford, July 9, 1906, son of Cyril Dodd and Maud Henty; greatly loved father and much missed by your only son Nicholas. RIP Pop. I Kings. 2 v 10.

HOLLIFIELD.—On 16th September, Dennis John of D. H. Motors, Princes Gate and St James, suddenly at home in Wembley. Much loved father of Hazel. Funeral service Tuesday, 23rd September, at 10.30 a.m. at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Middlesex. Flowers by 9.30 am and enquiries to G. Saville & Son Ltd., 569 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex.

McVITTIE.—On September 17th, suddenly and peacefully, Wilfrid Wolters McVittie, C.M.G., aged 74, much loved husband of Morna, father of Anne, Nancy and Dick. Funeral, Tuesday, September 23rd, at Itchenor parish church at 3.00 p.m.

SHERSTON.—On Thursday, 18th September, Monica Dulcibella (nee Barrett), peacefully in York, devoted wife to the late Geoffrey Sherston. Much loved and admired mother and grandmother. Funeral at Easby Abbey, Richmond, on Tuesday, 23rd September at noon.

SINCLAIR.—At Berwick Infirmary on 11th September 1980, Marjory Sophia, of Rosevale, Tower Road, Ayton sometime of South Shields, daughter of the late Dr Francis William Sinclair and Sophia Sinclair. Interred at Ayton cemetery.

SUMMERS.—On September 18th, 1980, peacefully in hospital, Arthur John Horn Summers, aged 81 years, of Newbury, Berkshire, much loved as uncle to Peter and Ann and brother-in-law to Maida. Funeral service at St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Enborne, near Newbury, on Tuesday, September 23rd, at 11.30 a.m., followed by private cremation.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LAMPE.—A memorial service for Professor Geoffrey William Hugo Lampe, DD, MC, Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University, will be held at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, October 18th, at 12.00 noon.

SHELLEY.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Norman Shelley, will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, WC2, on Saturday, 27th September, at 11 a.m.

SUTHERLAND.—A memorial service for the late Sir Gordon Brims Black McIvor Sutherland, S.C.D., F.R.S., K.P., Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 1964-1977, will be held in the College Chapel on Saturday, 11th October, 1980, at 2.30 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

EATON-MATTHEWS.—A Memorial Eucharist will be celebrated at the convent of Duswell St Mary, Burwash, Sussex, at 12 noon, on Wednesday, October the 1st, in thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier G. S. Eaton-Matthews, CBE, who died on September the 13th, at the Livingstone Hospital, Dartford.

IN MEMORIAM

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